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Intimations.

NOTICE.

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September 15, 1877.

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Hongkong, October 10, 1877. THE HONGKONG HOTEL

THENDERS are invited for a LEASE the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Five-yearly Lease expiring on the Slat August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the Blat March, 1878, to the Secretary of the Hongkong HOTEL COMPARY, LIMITED, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors,

LOUIS HAUSCH'LD, Scoretary. Hongkons, September 18, 1877.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS,

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WHOLESALE OR RETAIL OF A. S. WATSON & Co., .. Hongkong Dispensary. Hongkong, November 2, 1877.

IN THE GOODS OF PROSPER EDOUARD HENRI DERODE. - Deceased.

any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of PROSPER EDOUARD HENRI DERODE, late of Lille, France, who died at Cannes, France, on the 10th Tops, Napkin Rings, &c. day of December, 1869, and Letters of Ad-Canton in the Empire of China, Merchant, Black and Coloured Silk, &c., &c. by the Supreme Court of Hongkong in its Probate Jurisdiction on the 26th day of October, 1877, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their CLAIMS MANN at his address aforesaid or to the Undersigned WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON, the Solicitor of the said ANDRE DAMMANN at the Office of the said WILLIAM HENRY BREBETON, 29, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 1st day of February, 1878. And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of the last-mentioned day the said ANDRE DAMMANN will proceed to distribute the assets of the said PROSPER EDOU-ARD HENRI DERODE amongst the parties entitled, having regard to the claims DAMMANN will not be liable for the assets, posed of by Private Sale), on or any part thereof, so distributed to any person of whose claim the said ANDRE of the distribution.

Dated this 31st day of October, 1877. WM. H. BRERETON. Solicitor of the said Andre Dammann.

IN THE GOODS OF JAMES SMITH-FERRIES, Deceased.

CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of JAMES SMITH FERRIES, late Master of the S. S. "ZEALANDIA," who died at Sea on Board the said Vessel, Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, by the at his address aforesaid, or to the Undersigned WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON, the Solicitor of the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN, at BRERETON, 29 Queen's Road, Hongkong, GROUND, situated in the Poke-fo-lum the Office of the said WILLIAM HENRY

expiration of the last-mentioned day, the abutting on the North side thereof on said John Fairbairn will proceed to dis-tribute the Assets of the said James Smith Ferries amongst the parties Farm Lots Nos. 18 and 25, and Measurentitled thereto, having regard to the ing thereon 1,200 feet, on the South side Claims of which the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN thereof on Government Ground, and has then had notice; and that the said Measuring thereon 600 feet, on the East JOHN FAIRBAIRN will not be liable for the side thereof on a Water Course, and SILK GODOWN. Assets or any part thereof, so distributed, Measuring thereon 1,400 feet, and on to any person of whose Claim the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has not had notice at the time of the distribution. Dated this 3rd day of October, 1877.

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wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packnoid ages. Suits at law have been instituted described as "Belmont" upon the aforeagainst the MANERS AND PURCHASERS Of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRIL-LIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOE M'FG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

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Intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE.

T.R. STOUT has RETURNED, and will be ready to receive Patients on MONDAY, the 24th Instant, until further notice, at his Rooms, Ground Floor, HOTEL DEL'UNIVERS. Office hours, 8 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE. R. ROGERS begs to inform his Patrons and the Public that he intends to visit AMOY and FOOCHOW in September and October, leaving HONG. KONG about the 15th of September. Hongkong, August 6, 1877.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc tions to sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY.

the 6th November, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,— An Invoice of JAPANESE LAC-NTOTICE is hereby given that all CRE- QUERED WARE, Straw-work Ware, DITORS and other Persons having Bronzes, Porcelain Ware, Tortoise-shell Ware; Swords, Cabinets, Vases, Tea Sets, Cups and Saucers, Bracelets, Necklaces,

Assorted Silk Handkerchiefs, Lady's ministration of whose personal estate were Jackets, Embroidered Caps and Cushions, duly granted to ANDRE DAMMANN, of Crape Shawls, Cloaks, and Scarves,

TERMS OF SALE -Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of or DEMANDS to the said Andre Dam- description, at purchasers risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE LAND AND HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY, &c.

ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have of which the said Andre Dammann has received instructions to sell by then had notice; and that the said ANDRE Public Auction, (unless previously dis-

DAMMANN has not had notice at the time | the 27th November, 1877, at Noon, at their Sale Room, Praya Central,-The following PIECES or PARCELS of GROUND, with the Buildings erected.

First .- All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in Victoria, Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as the remaining portion of INLAND LOT | Time, from the NORTHERN RABBIT MEAT NOTICE is hereby given that all Cre- No. 41, abutting on the North side Company, Limited, Kapunda, South ditors and other Persons, having any thereof on a Public Road, and Measuring Australia. thereon 153 feet, on the South side thereof on Section A of the aforesaid Inland Lot No. 41 and Measuring thereon, on the 8th day of February 1877, and 75 feet and 55 feet, on the East side whose Will was duly proved, and Letters thereof on a Public Road, and Measuring of Administration, with the Will annexed, thereon 88 feet, and on the West side 40 of whose personal Estate were duly granted thereof on a Close Registered in the to John FAIRBAIRN, of No. 27 Queen's Land Office as Inland Lot No. 201, and Measuring thereon 36 feet, which said bate Jurisdiction, on the 22nd day of Sep. Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in tember 1877, are hereby required to send the whole about 8,000 square feet, of in writing the particulars of their Claims which the Annual Crown Rent is \$73.01, or Demands to the said John FAIRBAIRN __together with the Messuages or Tenements standing thereon, at present leased

by D. RUTTUNJEE, Esq. Second .- All that Piece or Parcel of KONG grants Drafts on London and on or before the 15th day of January, 1878. District of Hongkong, and Registered in And notice is hereby given that at the Land Office as FARM LOT No. 26, the West side thereof on the Sea at high Water Mark, and Measuring thereon 700 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 221 Acres, Solicitor for the said John FAIRBAIRN. of which the Annual Crown Rent is

situated in the Poke-fo-lum District of pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as FARM LOT No. 30, abutting on the South side thereof on a Olose Re-No. 29, on the East side thereof on the road to Aberdeen, and on the North and West sides thereof on a Water Course, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground TESIRING to benefit by the world- contains in the whole 34 Acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$12; together with a quantity of Building Materials at present contained in and about the houses

TERMS OF SALE. One half of the purthase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed of Deeds of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the

The Property to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer. For further Particulars, apply to LANE, ORAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, October 51, 1877, po27 For Sale.

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MAGEWEN, FRICKEL & Co. Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

FOR SALE. HHDS. PORTER,

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FOR SALE. ARGE TAKASIMA COAL, EX GODOWN, AT \$8 PER TON.

Apply to THS. G. GLOVER. No. 7, Queen's Road Central, and East Point. Hongkong, October 24, 1877. FOR SALE.

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For particulars, apply to G. M. SMITH,

October 15, 1877. NOW READY.

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Price: Two Dollars and a Halv. To be had from Mesers LANE, CRAWFORD gistered in the Land Office as Farm Lot & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messre KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai. Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAL STRAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

SECOND RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of FIVE TABLE per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst. Warrants will be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders or their lawful representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be ULOSED from the 2nd to the 8th

Instant, inclusive.

By Order, RUSSELL & Co. Shanghal, Oatober 3, 1877.

Notices of Firms.

HAVE This Day admitted Mr WILLIAM LEGGE as a PARTNER in my Business, which will henceforth be conducted under the Style of HUGHES & LEGGE. W. KERFOOT HUGHES. Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

NOTICE. HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COM-MISSION AGENT. J. Y. VERNON SHAW. Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

NOTICE. THE Business of SHARE and GENE-RAL BROKER, hitherto conducted in my name, will now be carried on under the Style of COHEN & HEATON, Mr ALEXANDER MACGLASHAN HEATON having This Day become a PARTNER

therein. CHAS. C. COHEN. Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

NOTICE. TR. JAMES AYTON MANN is sutho-IVI rized to Sign our Firm by Procura-

GEPP & Co. Canton, November 1, 1877. WE have authorised Mr EDWARD GEORGE to Sign our Firm by

Procuration. NORTON & Co. Hongkong, October 29, 1877.

NOTICE. TATE hereby give notice that our late assistant ASHEW generally known as "SMALL," is no longer in our Employ. Patrons will please note. HIB NAM,

BRAZIERS, &c., Endicott Lane. Hongkong, October 29, 1877. NOTICE. VIR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, September 22, 1877. NOTICE. TAROM This Date Mr EDWARD SHEPPARD and Mr M. W. GREIG, are authorized to Sign the name of our Firm per Procuration at Foochow, and Mr F. F.

ELWELL at Amoy. RUSSELL & Co. Ohina, June 1, 1877.

shipping.

Steamers.

FOR HOLHOW, PAKHOL & HALFONG The Steamship Capt. F. Ashton, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 4th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, November 2, 1877.

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. The Company's Steamship "ANADYR," Comdt. MOREAU, WIII be despatched for SHANGHAI on SUNDAY, the 4th Inst., at 8 a.m.

H. DU POUEY. Hongkong, November 2, 1877.

FOR MANILA. The Spanish Steamship "MACTAN" will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 5th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to J. Y. V. SHAW, Hongkong, November 2, 1877.

FOR MANILA. The Spanish Steamer BLANCO, Master, will be despatched as above on MONDAY Next, the 5th Instant, at 2 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, November 1, 1877. FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOODHOW. The Steamship Capt. J. E. Punchard, will be despatched for the above

Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 7th Instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. Calling off the usual Coast Ports to land Mails and Passengers.)

The Eastern and Australe aian Mail Steam Co.'s Str. "BOWEN" will be despatched as above on or about the 9th November next. For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkons, October 28, 1877.

shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SOURABAYA. The A 1 Dutch Barque "GROEN V. PRINSTERER, Captain DE Jonge, will load for the above Port, and will have

immediate despatch. For Freight, apply to

MELCHERS & Co. Hongkong, October 30, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Barkentine "ABIEL ABBOTT,"

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

> FOR LONDON. The 100 A 1 British Barque

Hongkong, September 26, 1877. FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

PCapt. Kennett, having most of her Cargo engaged, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to ROZARIO & Co.

(To follow the Chocola.) The A 1 British Barque Capt. SRINNER, will load here,

The Spanish Brig SAN LORENZO, MANDARIAGA, Master, will have immediate despatch for the above

For Freight, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, October 26, 1877. FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

have quick despatch. For Freight or Passage, apply to HOP KEE & Co.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Ship "ISLES OF THE SOUTH," DENNETT, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 British Barque "GRASMERE," HASTINGS, Master, will load

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

FOR LONDON. British Clipper Ship "SYDENHAM." A. MILLAR, Commander, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,

The A 1 British Barque "GEO. OROSHAW," GEO. IRVING, Master, will have early despatch as above.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, July 28, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The 3/3 L. I. L. German Ship "GALATEA," JAEGER, Master, will load her for the above Port, and will

nof have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, September 10, 1877. FOR HAMBURG. The A 1 British Bark "LORD MACAULAY,"

the above Port, and will have For Freight, apply to

YOGEL, HAGEDORN & CA

Capt. Monuman, will load for quick despatch.

Hongkong, July 20, 1677,

J. CHASE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and have early despatch.

Hongkong, October 19, 1877.

WOODVILLE,"
T. E. NELSON, Master, will load here and have quick

despatch. For Freight, apply to

The A 1 British Barque " OHOCOLA?

Hongkong, October 16, 1877. FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

and have a quick despatch as

Hongkong, November 1, 1877. FOR MANILA.

The Portuguese Ship Captain Souza, will load here for the above Ports, and will

Hongkong, October 6, 1877.

quick despatch.

Hongkong, October 10, 1877.

here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

The * A 1 100 years splendid

Hongkong, September 27, 1877. FOR LONDON.

For Freight, apply to

risk and expense.

Notices to Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

MONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship OCEANIO, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer Goods will be landed and stored at Consignees' do so.

G. B. EMORY,

Hongkong, October 29, 1877. FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

FITHE S. S. Venice having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, October 29, 1877. FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

THE British S. S. Hindostan, Captain MacTavish, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery

SINGAPORE.

of their Goods. Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,

Hongkong, October 80, 1877. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. ANADYR.

NOTICE. MONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Mensaleh and Gange, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are heroby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained

immediately after landing Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before I o'clock To-DAY, the 2nd Instant, requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

the Undersigned Goods remaining unclaimed after FRI DAY, the 9th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. H. DU POUEY,

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, LIVERPOOL, BOM BAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE "Inman" S. S. City of Limerick having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded to

Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 1 p.m. To-day. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 12th Instant will be subject to rent;

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned after Consignees have signed the Average Bond by

BIRLEY & Co.,

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. BRITISH BARQUE ELMSTONE. FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Hongkong, October 19, 1877.

BARQUE STRATHMORE, FROM KURRACHEE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the abovenamed Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIR & Co. Hongkong, October 22, 1877.

GERMAN BARK MARCO-POLO, FROM HAMBURG.

ONSIGNEES of U AM 87/71) 35 cases Merchandise. via Hongkong Shipped by J. O. Julius Möller, are

hereby informed that the same have been landed and stored at their expense and No Fire Insurance has been covered.

WIELER & Co. Agents for Bark Marco Polo.

Hollgkong, Ostober 17, 1877. BRITISH BARQUE MELBREK,

FROM LONDON, MONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above

Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underalgued for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Hongkong, October 18, 1877.

Notices to Consignees.

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS. TLEURS CASTLE, FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

HIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk, into the Godowns of Mr A. McG. HEATON. whence delivery may be obtained. Consignees wishing to receive their

Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given

before Noon To-day. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 5th Proximo will be subject to rent.

No Fire insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Hougkong, October 29, 1877.

Mails.



STEAM FOR Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Aucona, Venice, Mediterraneau

> Ports, Southampton, and London,

Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.

THE PENINGULAR AND ORIENTAL STRAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship NIZAM, Captain BARLOW, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 8th November, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to A. LIND, Superintendent. Hongkong, October 27, 1877.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND Passengers for THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, ING COMMECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD GOMPANIES

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "OOEANIO" will be de spatched for San Francisco via Yokohams, on THURSDAY, the 8th November, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with

Steamers from Shanghal. Freight will be received on Board until p.m. of the 7th November. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value

of same is required. Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates. For further information as to Freight

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Tribner's Oriental Record contains the fol lowing notice of the China Review:-"This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hongkong, where it has been set on foot as some respects a continuation of Notes as Queries on China and Japan, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well in China. The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by th Calcutta Review. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature antiquities, and social developments, to as nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of inform ation, rendering some such channel of pub licity as is now provided extremely desir able; and contributions of much interes may fairly be looked for from the membe of the foreign consular services, the Chines Customs' corps, and the missionary body among whom a high degree of Chines scholarship is now assiduously cuitivated. and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. a paper on Dr. Legge's She King, by the Rev. E. J. Eitel, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the chronological problems and arguments involved in connexion with this important work. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style : and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowrs, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Besid notices of new books relating to China an the East, which will be a useful feature the Review. If carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the Ohina Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intended to appear every two months, and will form a substantial octavo magazine.

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dues on trade, Every three years since Convention, and will not be disposed to try 1350, however, an Ambassador was sent to it again, especially as so long a time has Canton, with costly presents for the Imperial clapsed. Whatever is done here will therehad been lately received, of a peremptory the same time I have good reason to believe nature demanding a resumption of this ous- that people are not altogether inactive and tom. This I had from high native func- that several good suggestions have already tionaries who may be presumed to know been sent in to the Government, and some almost as much about it as the journalists of of them will probably be acted upon. It is the Straits Settlements. Third-That Siam a curlous fact, however, that some here, must resist any such imposition or stultify who ought to be well informed, consider it herself. Surely "it needs no ghost come most likely that the Government will in the from the grave to tell us that." To any one | end not see their way to ratify the Convenwith a head of the capacity of a searlet tion, and affairs will then certainly be in a runner, the fact is self-evident. Fourth- very peculiar state. Altogether there has That preparations for defence were being never been so extraordinary a muddle made; actively undertaken in Siam. This state- and the general feeling here seems to be ment came from personal observation. Even one of so much disgust at all the wavering now as I write, the forts at Paknam are and delay as to lead to a disinclination to being overhauled and renewed. The 25 ton have anything to do with the subject. and other guns of large calibre have been A deputation has waited upon the Chigot out and exercised. A torpedo force is nese Minister with respect to coolie emigrabeing rapidly organized, and gatlings are in tion to Cuba. What the Chinese Minister active demand. The operations on the tele- here has to do with the subject, it is not graph line have been suspended and the easy to perceive; but it seems now to be proposed railway survey temporarily aban- accepted that he is to be a kind of referee doned, in order that all the foreign employes about all China grievances. He may be of the Government may be rendered avail- doubted whether dragging him into everyable for the one engrossing question of thing in this way will much improve his meant to imply that it was improbable that undesirable so far as his special functions war was imminent, you will kindly bear in here are concerned. It is stated that the mind, that I never said it was; I simply Chinese Minister shows some disposition to chronicled facts. I offered no opinions and raise a point in favour of the ratification of drew no inferences. As perhaps a few re- the Convention on account of the Chinese marks on the circumstances of this tribute having already performed their part. If may not be uninteresting to your readers, I this shot be fired it will be rather an awkappend a few, gleaned from various sources. | ward one to meet, though of course it is For more than a thousand years Corea, to be borne in mind that the Chinese were Nepaul, Cochin-China, Liu-Chiu, and Siam, aware that ratification was a necessary forhave been tributaries of China and regularly | mality seeing that it was in consequence forwarded tribute to Peking. These pay- of the absence of ratification that the Alments were made at intervals of years, cook Convention fell through. varying somewhat, Siam paying every 8 The P. & O. Company have for the last years, Burmah every 10, Cochin-China the few weeks been hastening their mails and same as Siam. Many fierce, and sanguinous twice running they have been delivered on the wars have grown out of attempts on the Friday instead of the (subsequent) Monday. part of these States to shake off this vas- The M. M. Company are however evidently salage. In 1767, 68, and 69, Chinese armies | not to be outdone; and the next French overran Burmah, until utterly worn out she mail follows the P. & O. mail delivered succumbed and agreed to pay her tribute as to-day only three or four days. I suppose not given, but at the time the capital was speed somewhat in anticipation of the at Tungkes. The then Governor General of renewal of the contract next year. * Kwangtung raised an army and put down the rebels, enforcing the payment of the but satisfactory. Silk has had a slight tribute. Siam continued to pay until 1852 "spurt," but it is not thought the tone of just previous to her treaties with the the market will be sustained. The Tea Western powers, and the opening of her market has been deluged with new arrivals, ports to foreign trade), when the Ambas- which have of course made it still more flat sador bearing the tribute, while on his pas- than it was before. A company is ansage from Canton to Peking, was beset by nounced to work the business of the Hong-*robbers, his baggage rifled and many of his kong Sugar Reflucry. escort killed. In 1870 (teste the N. C. | I notice that the Right. Rev. Dr. Alford Herald) an application was made by Siam to formerly your respected Bishop, is appointed be allowed to send an Ambassador by the to a church near Seven Cake, which has way of Tientain, with presents, because on however yet to be built. I presume, therethe overland route from Canton they had fore, his appointment to the Protestant been attacked and plundered. The Chinese church in Rome is only of a temporary Government replied that no departure from | character and that he will come back to his ancient custom could be allowed, but if the Ambassador was sent to Canton he would be protected. Here the matter would seem to have rested. The Siamese Government indeed assert that soon after the death of the late King, the Regency intimated to the Government of China that they wished to send an Embassy to Peking, provided it should be treated as those had been sent by Western nations. To this the Chinese Government was unwilling tongree, and negotiations dropped. I need scarcely say that any attempt to enforce this tribute at this late stage would be met by the most strenuous resistance, and would probably fail. The Dutch barque Edith Rose arrived

from your port, on the 14th inst., after a pleasant little passage of 74 days. caught a "sneezer" off the Paracels, which blew away most of her sails, and started her leaking at the rate of 8 inches an hour. Then calms and light head winds until she drifted over to the Naturas, where forfunately she got some fresh provisions, which saved the balance of her crew, most of whom were dead or dying of sourry. The officers were not exempt from this dreadful scourage, the master having a very

narrow escape of his life. Pessons sending files of papers to their friends in Siam should be very careful to forward through the Post office or by some steamer whose consignes is not inimical to the party receiving. A case has been brought to my notice where a parcel home papers sent by a steamer arriving here on Sunday could not be obtained until 12 o'clock on Monday' delivery being refused on the ground that it had been placed on the manifest and that a Custom House entry must be passed before it could be landed As the duties in Siam are all ad valorem, think of the strain on the conscience of a man who is compelled to swear to what he values his China Mails at. He must either perjure himself or name a price on which the duties would ruin him.

The month of hot weather which always intervenes between the monsoons has set in and the foreign population are on the move. The watering places are filling and the town is emptying. The American Consul has just returned from the gold mines at Pachim, and Consul General Knox has gone up to see what his Yankee confrère was doing The German Consul is at Northbures, and the Portuguess and the new French Consul are en route for Petren. The old Consul has been removed, and his successor is a splendid fellow who has already made himself a general favorite. No more scandals like the Marquerite are likely transpire under his administration. rice mills are all stopped and the appearance of trade extremely gloomy. The news from the agricultural districts is very discouraging, and the prospects of the removal of the embargo much less distinct than they appeared some little time ago. Rates of ffeight offering to Hongkong to-day only ten cents per picul, but it is hoped that the arrival of the next Singapore steamer wil bring better reports from your port, and raise the rates a little.

(From our London Correspondent.) Landon, Sept. 21, 1877.

There seems at present to be the greatest possible spathy there with regard to China affairs in general and the Chefoo Convention In particular. The Government have aucesseled very thoroughly in what seems clearly to have been their object in delayand have now nothing to fear from public People had shough of that kind of work in has errod on this point, -Re. C. M.

others that it was merely a commutation of | connection with Sir Rutherford Alcock's Second. That letters from Peking fore be accomplished in a quiet way. At

If your sagacious contemporary influence at Peking, and it certainly seems

Cochin-China resisted also at a date | the P. & O. Company are increasing their

Commercial affairs still continue anything

charge here.

A work on China, by the Ven. Archdeacon Gray of Canton, is announced as in the

CORRESPONDENCE.

AFFAIRS AT BANGKOK. (To the Editor of the " CHINA MAIL.") Bangkok, October 22, 1877.

Sir,-Your Bangkok correspondent appears to enjoy exceptional flights of imagination and fancy. His letter in your issue of the 25th September contains in most of its paragraphs such wonderful misstatereaders, I have no doubt, will be glad to lears the facts and to know how much your correspondent is to be relied upon.

The 200,000 Ticals said to be paid out in one week by the Borneo Co. Limited for paddy purchases would have been sufficient | baving been ascertained. to pay for 3,000 coyans=63,000 picula Nasuan Rice-a quantity it would be impossible to take up in even a fortnight, but I will not say more about it, as this strikes even your correspondent's fanciful mind as exaggerated.

The division of the Bangkok Mills into two sets, viz. three great and some half dozen smaller concerns, is equally fanciful, because one of the so-called smaller mills worked by Europeans with Siamese capital, has turned out during the years 1875 and 1876, a larger quantity than two of the great rice mills. I have no experience about the brain

power of a Philadelphia lawyer, but the

freight market here is no puzzle to anybody acquainted with charter and rice business, and like many other markets it is regulated to a great extent by the demand and supply. The S. S. Flintshire loaded at 5 cents, then the S. S. Danubs at 10 cents, S. S. Zamboungs at a similar rate, and the next week the Rajanattianuhar at 221 cents, all outside the bar. The rates of these four steamers show, I think, pretty clearly a rising market, but when the S. Java came in, all the larger Chinese Rongs were sufficiently interested in rice, the demand therefore was less eager and a decline of 5 cents had to be submitted to. here but in Singapore to load at the Patrew Rice mill on the Bang Pa Kong river about 10 to 12 hours from Bangkok, with orders

to call at Bangkok. The Sippant way in which your correspondent speaks of H. E. the Foreign Minister needs no comment, I merely state I know for a fact that H. E. was for one week in Paris and not even in Europe

for some years. terms was built by Messrs Cunliffe and Dunlop of Glesgow, sent out here marked and numbered (like many other small launches) and was merely rivetted together here. Her sails and rigging were made by Mesers McEwen, Frickel & Co., of Hong. kong, and her spars and boats by the Patent lip and Dook Company at the same port. The night the Yacht was launched, champagne flowed freely and colored lights were in abundance, and possibly the combined effects of these may have had some influence on your correspondent's pen.

The enormous dividends pald on Dock shares in Hongkong, according to your correspondent, contrast strangely with your own quotation, on page 8, of the H. W. Dock Co., at 20 per cent, discount. Hoping your correspondent has not invested in this company largely, I remain,

A LOVER OF PAIR STATEMENTS. We can speak only of the last paragraph of the above as it relates to Hongkong. opinion either within the Hutte of outside The expression " enormous dividends" ro- situation at Playna confirm the Turkish it; as respects these maryellous negotiations, ferred to was perfectly well understood here Nothing in the form of a representation to be "sarkusme" and as a loke is not from the Chambers of Commerce here will, | deals with after the manner of statistics, it may be taken as certain, now be made. generally "A Lovey of Pair Statements"

EPISCOPAL ESCAPADES.

A worthy Bishop sat him down In weary mood to think, He stroked his venerable beard And sipped a cooling drink.

" I'm tired of all these arguments;" And a heavy sigh sighed he : With the clergy of my diocese I really can't agree.

They have the impudence to say My views are sometimes wrong On questions theological; That's coming it too strong.

"My voice should here be paramount, A simple 'Ipse dixit' In any matter of debate Sufficient quite to fix it."

He paused awhile, then suddenly He rose and out a caper : "Boy! hither bring a tonic bright, And a quire of foolscap paper."-

"I have conceived a glorious plan, An inspiration quite: All details of it I'll work out Before I sleep this night.

"Six students of theology

I'll send for straight away,

To live and learn beneath my roof ;-The C. M. S. to pay." These infant parsons I will train

To listen to my voice 'I' faith in that I'll take good care They have but Hobson's choice. The nozes of my enemies

Will then be out of joint. Revenge is sweet; maskee expense, So that I make my point,"

Interval of Eighteen Months.

We've seen the upshot of this scheme Imagine the expense. "Converting heathen is nt cheap," Thinks sober Common Sense.

When next our friends the C. M. S. In solemn concieve meet And the Treasurer brings forth, alack A dismal balance sheet

There'll be, I very much expect, A resolution passed That on the Bank in Salisbury Square South China's drawn its last.

A moral; not irrelevant, Look at it how you may It does not do to change one's plans More than three times a day. Q. IN THE COBNER.

DIARY OF THE WAR. From The Daily Telegraph, Sept. 14:-A telegram from the Russian head-quarters at Poredin, dated Wednesday night, states that on the previous day Plevna was cannonaded from daybreak till three o'clock in the afternoon, when the assault was made, and resulted finally in the capture of three redoubts on the southern front of the of Grivitza. On Wednesday a vigorous artillery fire recommenced along the whole line, the Russians being stationed in front of the captured Turkish fortifications. The losses are stated to have been over 5,000 wounded, the number of the killed not

From The Standard, Sept. 15 :- In spite of all the efforts of the Russians, continued for eight days, Plevna is not yet taken, and our Special Correspondent with the Russian army, who sends a long telegram descriptive of the artillery duel and fighting between the opposing forces, remarks that the Russians have unsuccessfully attempted to imitate Sedan. From another source we learn that the Turkish commander had retaken two redoubts on the Loftcha road. In the Shipka Pans the Russians have sustained some further reverses. Suleiman Pasha has telegraphed that he has reduced to silence the enemy's artillery in that place, and that the Russians have suffered enormous losses, chiefly by the explosion of ammunition waggons. From Kars our Special Correspondent telegraphs that the Russians had attacked the right wing of the Turks, but had under-estimated the enemy. The Turkish troops shaken, but drove back the Russians, and pursued them for some distance, but a heavy rainfall soon put an end to the firing. The evacuation of Ardahan is also report-

From The Morning Advertiser, 17 -A despatch of the Grand Nicholas, from Poredin on the 15th inst. says that on the 14th the Turks, after a heavy fire, assaulted the Grivitza redoubt ing three and a quarter hours. The Russlant continue the bombardment, and the Russians is about 300 officers and 12,500 men killed and wounded. Osman Pasha telegraphs to the Porte, under date of 14th, that since the previous Saturday the enemy The Yacht spoken of in such flowing had made assaults day and night continredoubt on Tuesday, which was, however, recaptured the following day. The Russians lost three guns and some ammunition. The Roumanian force was defeated Dubnik with the loss of eight guns. thousand Roumanian infantry and a regihanie road. General Skobeleff lost assaults on the redoubts at Plevna. Griwitzs is still in the hands of the Russians. The Roumanian loss in the last engagement is 1,500 men. Chefket Pashs has gone to Caman Pasha with reinforcements. A telegram from Constantinople announces the final capture of the Shipks Pass by Suleiman Pasha, who now threatens Tirnove, which it is stated is being evacuated. Mahamet All continues his successfu advance, and a battle at Biels is immi-

From The Daily Telegraph, Sept. 181-The talegrams received last night relative to the success, the redoubt of Grivitza slone remaining in the possession of the Russians. The losses of the latter are estimated at 20,000 men. According to a telegram from Orsova, the victory of Mehemet Ali somirmed, he having deleated the Rus-

A later telegram states that Fort Nicholas and hissing of steam. The mass of snow thing about "Poor pussy," and got firmly have attacked the Rosslans in the rear. pressed—it was solid ice by this time,— the palm and the back of his hand. He

from other sources. which was first sent respecting the struggle screaming affected it a bit. The last big solicited. at Fort St. Nicholas. The Turkish tele- effort-with a full head of steam the tengram states that their two brigades which engines pressed against the snow bank. The drove the Russians from the fort have, for force lifted the snow plough off the rails. strategical reasons, retired to their former There was a top to further proceedings for positions, but the Russian official report the night. The engines got back to the represents that the Turks made a sudden station. There were such yarns. It was attack along the whole line, after a admitted to be the biggest block of the seabombardment of five days, and were re- son, and the depth of the snow was, for the pulsed with enormous loss, the Russian occasion, calculated some 90 per cent. less. list of campliles being also considerable. than on former occasions. To us it was ten Reinforcements are rapidly coming to the feet deep. It grew to be 100 during the Russians, whose Imperial Guard reached winter. Bucharest yesterday. These and other troops which are being burried to the front ladies and babies, of whom there were some are to concentrate at Simultan. From Asia | six or eight on the train that night. During it is reported that an attack on Erivan is the day these cars have comfortable, easy, contemplated

-But little news from the seat of war top of the other. Each compartment accomarrived yesterday. Reinforcements con- modates three passengers; two sleep in the tinued to pass through Buchareston their lower and one in the upper berth. There way southwards. General Skobeloff, who are partitions of timber at head and foot of is suffering from fever at Bucharest, has each bed. A double line of ourtains, one been appointed commander of the 16th enclosing each line of berths, and leaving a Division at Plevna. The Roumanians un. passage about two feet wide between, make successfully attacked a strong redoubt at up the sleeping car for the night. For this Plevns on Tuesday.

ACROSS THE AMERICAN CONTINENT BY RAIL. (Queenslander.)

cisco, or rather from Cakiand, a suburb of After four days' and four nights' of unceasthat city. The travelling is very comforta- ing labour the block was cleared, and the ble, even in the winter season, and with its eight trains, by that time congregated, went attendant risk of a block in the enow. That on their way to the far east, and made the was our fate. After forgetting almost what journey of some 2000 miles on rails without sort of a thing snow was, the train, during further stoppage by snow. the second night out, was brought to a On these railways, the passenger goes on standstill in a snow bank fully twelve feet or stops for a spell as seems most fitting to

mishaps. The night was very dark; the been used for a portion of a journey are purtrain was going along nicely about twenty chasable all over the country. The custom miles an hour. There were two engines encourages railway travel. In the end, the hauling—and immense, big ponderous affairs companies are the gainers. these engines are on the Central Pacific In front of the train was a snow the first seen by the writer. outline this contrivance is like unto the double mould-heard or moulding plough used by farmers. It is considerably larger. That sketched in our engraving reaches high as the smokestack of the engine, and that is just about the height of it. The thing is on wheels, has a truck under it, and bahind the face, and what may be called the mould boards of the plough, is a snug little den some 6 by 8 feet. Shovels and picks and other tools, and as many men as could cram and China. The new track opened b Turkish positions, and the great redoubt into it were in this caboose. There was a Captain Miller is a direct course, evading a wood stove with a fire in it, and so was the writer. And the "snowers," the gang of men in charge of the machine, were telling tough yarns about snow banks and things. In the hearts of these men-they were big, brawny, strapping fellows-was a desire that, on that identical trip; they should be landed in the biggest kind of a snow bank. they were, but not in a bank so deep, by 100 feet or so, as some we had been hearing about during the evening. As described around a roaring fire, snow banks enlarge immensely. The train came to a standstill, after pushing a gathering mass of snow steadily before it for a few hundred yards; and all hands had moved before the call "Tumble out boy!" was given. Then we saw a solid wall of anow in front of the plough some ten feet high. The train was in a cutting. There had been a slide, and the outting was blooked, the banks, trees on the banks, telegraph posts, and other things that stood upright looking quite short; they were heaped up with snow. The huge light lamps in front of the plough and the engines made the scene in front very visible and also the darkness beyond, although snow was falling thickly, softly, and quietly The elevation was some 3500 feet above sea level. The air was bracing and exhilerating. A good solid supper had been eaten, about an hour before the blook

Amongst other resources of the caboose was a supply of "pine knots," and iron cages for burning same. These knots burn like resin, and ere the boys were all tumbled out, two cagefulls of knots were ablaze, and the surroundings brilliantly There might have been Indians, wolves, bears, and other vermin in the vicinity

They put in no appearance, though. The snow bank, as stated, was some ten feet high in front of the plough, and was a deep wall each side of the train. This wall had been made by pushing the snow along as it was met. The sides of the cutting prevented the machine from scatter. ing it as in the open ground. After reconnoltring the situation, the train was backed speak, and went "with a steady will the bank, the desire being to push sooumulated snow out of the cutting at plough to keep it solld down on the rails The effort was not successful. ank ahead was higher and solider before. It was a Beautiful sight as masses of snow sent flying twenty or more That was a brief consultation amongst the engine-men and conductors, the train was pushed back to the place where sent away to the division station for addistional engines and other halp. working stuff, from the plabelen " showers" second engine. It was rather cold by that time, but although there was a fouring tire

hemet's army is computed at 100,000 men, postponed for the time. without irregulars. A telegram from our How majestically the train of ten huge our hebdomadal evangelist, and turned a Monday morning, announces that the Turks the charge. Snow in masses had gathered full-sized mountain out just sent us as a

The sleeping cars were mostly left to the roomy seats. At night they are converted From The Morning Advertiser, Sept. 20: into alcoping berths ship fashion, one on accommodation, about 8s. each passenger additional is the charge for each day's and night's coonpation of a sleeping car.

Before darkness came on the scene the following evening, some 300 men were at work on both ends on the blocked-up outting. The snow was loaded into waggons, hauled The railway is available from San Fran- out and discharged over embankments.

him. He may either retain his baggage or The situation was novel and exciting at let it go on to his destination. The ticket first. It was at no time very disagreeable, taken out for a journey is good until the although the blook lasted four days and journey is made. On their face, these nights. With all its faults, modern civili- tickets say they are not transferable, bu sation does take the keen edge off such the rule is not enforced. Tickets that have

THE NEW TRACK FROM CHINA TO

AUSTRALIA. The Cooktown Herald has the followin in regard to this subject :- One of the mos important discoveries made during the las few years in the Coral Sea, since Captai Moresby's well-known survey of New Guines has been accomplished by Captain Miller, the E. A. and M. Co.'s steamer Bowen which is of all moment to mariners travers danger of any serious nature, and givin deep water all the way. We give the di and trust the Marine Boards down South will take cognizance of the matter, and spread the important intelligence all over the Australias. "On the last downward trip of the Bowen with teas for Sydney, Captain Miller intended, as usual, to come Captain Moresby's track, as shown on the chart, but in thoroughly examining it, you will find that a vessel has to pass through 10. David. a group of unsurveyed reefs. seen D'Entrecasteau, which at any time renders. the navigation dangerous, especially at night. Captain Miller, wishing to make a rapid trip with his new teas to Sydney, and eeling confident he could shorten the track with less intricacy in navigation than that of Moresby's, determined to try it. On the 27th of June, sighted the I Trobriand Islands | 18. Henry Lippett. of D'Entrecasteau in the exact position as 19. City of Halifax, laid down by him, and then determined to 21. Olara, steer through the Lousiade Archipelago to 28. Cuba. the eastward of Moresby's track, feeling confident he could shorten the route, and succeeded in discovering a clear straight channel from D'Entrecasteau's Trobriands to two islets marked on the chart-position, 118. Jessle Jamieson, latitude 11.35 S., longitude 151.50 E. At 3 a.m. on the 28th, Captain Miller found him- 18. Carl Ritter. self among a group of islands, then steering 8. by E. for the Jomard entrance, which 30. Ferdinand. were named after the second officer of the 31. R. C. Rickners. steamer, the "Northey Group," he having seen them first. They were low coral islands. covered with vegetation. From indications, Captain Miller was confident there was a clear passage through them, and deep water, to the eastward, and steering S. E. by E. with the intention of passing to the eastward of the Northey's he saw another group of three "islands to the The Bowen was then steered bethem through a fine channel five miles wide with deep water, and, as seen from the masthead, entirely devoid of danger. After passing through the hithstates that this new track is shorter than Moresby's, with far less dangers from reefs. avoids his siggag and the constant altering altered once and that for half an hour, 20, Diomed (s.) from a straight one, although the discove-

mours of Peace | And I've just been and bought three war maps | | - Malbourne

was made at night-which was moon-

light—the steamer going full speed all the

PERILS OF TOOTH-DRAWING .- The competition among the dentists in San Francisco i Glenlyon. (says the "News Letter") is getting to be Glengyle. as flerce as the recent war among the cheap Zangibar. clothiers. We recently advertised for bids to have six teeth extracted, and received in reply 87 offers from legally qualified molarwrenchers. The lowest bid was idol. and 350. for the six, including the use of ether we secondingly sent the doctor word that his proposition was accepted, minus the new

defend the passage of the Jantra. Me- further acquaintance with that location was | He demurred somewhat when he learnt that Special Correspondent at Schipks, dated locomotives, plough in front, advanced to little pale when he found the patient was a had just commenced their assault on the on the rails in the interval. It was sent present by Buffalo Bill, the great hunter. Russian positions in the Pass. Suleiman flying out of sight into the darkness. There However, he set to work with his tweezers Pashs directed the movements in person. was pushing in that outling, and screeming up his arm, and a ghastly observation somehas been captured, and that the Turks against which the plough had formerly hold of the two largest fangs right between This intelligence is confirmed by telegrams yielded back, and back. Quietly it went, seized the remaining four teeth with the calf and allowed the immense force behind to of his leg very successfully, and even tried From The Standard, September 19:-At pack it solid. But there is a limit to the to remove the brute's incisors with his nose. Pleyna, the bombardment has not been re- yielding powers of snow. Ten of the most After 10 minutes hard work, he gave the newed, and both sides remain on the powerful kind of locomotives cannot move thing up as a bad job, and retired to his defensive, except that the Turks are firing everything on earth. The snow, quiet as it bed, disgusted with his profession and enat the Grivitza redoubt, which is still held was, brought them all up standing. The veloped in court-plaster. Should erysipelas by the Roumanians. From the Schipka crude substance defeated the efforts of set in, we shall be pleased to attend his Pass we hear a very different report to that science and skill. Neither the hissing nor funeral. In the meantime further bids are

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a on HAROUN AL RASCHID. One day, Haroun Al Ruschid read A book wherein the post axid: "Where are the kings, and where the rest Of men who once the world possessed? Alutello and 19 "They're gone with all their pomp and show, They're gone the way that then shalt go. "O thou who choosest for thy share The world, and what the world calls fair, "Take all that it can give or lend, But know that death is at the end! Haroun Al Raschid bowed his head: Tears fell upon the page he read.

DAVID GRAY'S ESTATE Over his forge bent David Gray, And thought of the rich man across the way. "Hammer and anvil for me," he said, "And weary toil for the children's bread;

44 For him, soft carpets and pictured walls, A life of ease in his spacious halls." The clang of bells on his dreaming broke; A flicker of flame, a whirl of smoke.

Ox in travis, forge grown white-hot, Coat and hat were alike forgot, As up the highway the blacksmith ran, In face and mien like a crazy man,

"School-house afire!" Men's hearts stood still. And women prayed, as women will, While o'er the tumult the wailing cry Of frightened children rose shrill and high.

Night in its shadows hid sun and earth; The rich man sat by his costly hearth, Lord of wide acres and untold gold, But wifeless, childless, forlorn, and old.

He thought of the family 'cross the way "I would," he sighed, "I were David Gray. The blacksmith knelt at his children's bed To look once more at each smiling head.

"My darlings all safe ! Oh ! God," he cried. "My sin in Thy boundless mercy hide; Only to-day have I learned how great Hath been Thy bounty and my estate." -Burlington Hawkeye.

WHO IS THY FRIEND?

Who is thy friend? The man that shares thy

In banquet-hall or beauty's witching bowers; He that will dance with thee to folly's measures, And make no reckoning of the squandered

To whom the revel and the game is all? These are the friends that help men to their fall. Who is thy friend? The man that shares thy

Thine hour of glory, or thy day of gain; Who stands in every triumph by thy side, And never finds that triumph false or vain, But shapes his doctrine as thy humour goes? These are the friends misfortune turns to fees.

Who is thy friend? The man that for his winning To power or place bath need of thine or thee; Who will not fear thy risk, or blame thy sinning, So it but speed his fortune's growing tree; Whose praise is large, whose promise larger yet? These are the friends that fail us and forget.

Who is thy friend? The man of truth and trust? In gladness near, in sorrow nearer still. To thy faults generous, to thy merits just. Thy help to every good from every ill, Whose love for the world's hate might make Ales for it! this life bath such few friends.

Who is thy friend? The best, the least regarded, In faith unfailing, and in love unchanged Through all the changeful years, though

rewarded. Give Him thy heart, so long and far estranged: And from the broken reads of earth ascend. To seek in heaven thine everlasting Friend. -Frances Browne, the " Blind Poetess

A DAY AT SHOEBURY.

(From a Military Correspondent of Pioneer.

gun trial at Shoeburyness, and saw practice from every kind of rifled gun in the British service. Provided with a War Office red: ticket, which told me on the reverse side! that a special train would start! from Fenchurch Street at 9 a.m. on Monday, the 30th July, that practice would begin at 10-30 a.m., and, most important of all, that lun+ cheon would be at 1 p.m., I found myself on the Fenchurch Street platform in a crowd of military, naval, and inventing dignitaries, all bound on the same philanthropic errand to see how far we had progressed in the art of blowing our fellow creatures into infinite space. We were all tolerably cheerful, notwithstanding, and even the absence of any very elaborate breakfast did not make us mournful as we rattled down through the squalid suburbs, the slimy wastes, and then through the fertile Essex fields to Southend on our way to the School of Gunnery, Shoeburyness. Our trials were now to begin. Emerging from the station we were surrounded by a host of vociferous flymen, who were determined to take us to Shoebury and back for anything over the double of their usual fare. .: We put ourselves up to auction. and were finally knocked down to at energetic individual in racing, costume who was the sporting proprietor of a ponycarriage and pony. Four of us trusted ourselves to the basket, and did the four or five miles in the shortest time on record. was a pleasant drive, only tempered occasional but close views of deep ditches and enlivened by enjoyable escapes from collisions with the numerous vehicles of all corts and sizes conveying all the scientific talent of the age. It was a lovely day, hot and splendid, with no vestige of cloud, and the shady trees and pleasant lanes looked too attractive. It was a day on which to sport with Amaryllis in the shade, rather than to toy with an 80-ton gun in the open, in the roar. But we are well clear of the embarrassing demonstrations of his fourfoot. But we have arrived and must to business. the marsh," ourselves in the midst of a 1,800 yards. The 11-inch of 25 tons with it was only when I had come out of it with punish a dog for having his stomach out of you that Banjo objects to enoring," said his property little bit of quiet English woodland a charge of 85 lbs. fired a Palliser shell propitistory smiles, that he raised a forestring looking as if this weighing 383 lbs; the 10-inch of 18 tons linger and said quietly "Order, order!" an "No. hardly; and perhaps you will allow the linger and said quietly "Order, order!" an guns, and gunners, and distinguished offic with a charge of 70 lbs. fired a similar proinjunction which the dogs obey much beto
cere inventors and foreigners, had been lectile weighing about 400 lbs.; and the 12: ter than members of the House of Commons suddenly planted in some obscure nock of country where guns were unknown, except of 600 lbs, weight. There were none of the After the dogs had been quieted my new relaxed into a balf smile; and he rang the poscher and his opponent, the gamekeeper, which Aden, Bombay, and Calcutta are that he was glad to see I had a "proper Banjo to Mr Smith's room," ordered he But, looking towards the Thames and the armed. A very good authority informed feeling" for quadrupeds. He went on to ses, there were strange-looking objects to me that these were not considered first-class say that the words "brute," "cur," and so be seen a remour-plated targets in a state of game, having been constructed too thert, forth were offensive terms which he never smash under the softening influence of Palliser projectiles; siege batteries, earthworks in various stages of decomposition.

Still they are powerful for coast batteries allowed in be used in his presence, in respect to the fine growted old amount of orbatures who had their meefuless on bores: India has had so long laid down; and earth in well as we and whom it was a mark brick batteries, and casemates looking sea- all must wish to see them mounted as soon of ignorance to describe as dumb of soulless. ward containing the mighty pieces which is possible on efficient certiages. Some are, This said he led me into the dining-from, a ware to try and which were to try us.

I think, mounted so Ader and Bombay, but Handsonia apartment, where a long table The spirit of the practice, which were to try and the first and to the first triangle as to his dogs.— Venday and the Hooghly defended of Houseway of Montagers Camber and the Hooghly defended of Houseway of Montagers and the Hooghly defended of the first persons. The persons of Houseway of Montagers and the Hooghly defended of the first persons. The persons of Houseway and the first persons of Houseway of Houseway and the first persons of Houseway of Houseway and the Hooghly defended of Houseway and I had to his friends as to his dogs.— Venday were to try the Handsonki and the Hooghly defended of Houseway and Housew

and the tune it played as the bullets streamed phenomenon. through and through, and showed very fifteen shots were in close proximity to the contrary to their natures." brayest troops led against a prepared position; sudden concussion and rush of air. defended by British artillery and infantry The last thing on the very correct card meat out up beforehand, and of jam pastry them by overwhelming fire. Whether this seen this in the factory at Woolwich and they lapped out of out-glass saucers. attack. Now, at the school of exercise for path, with its trees and grass down to the please." All the dogs ate without putting flew at me, snapped it deftly out of my pocket " and the only thing to reas." the British army I had seen lines of skir- water's edge, in front of the barracks and their paws on the table; the smaller ones, hand, and carried it to the grate, which feat sure a Churchman, that he had to do with mishers led across very open ground to quarters until we reached the big gun lying who could not have reached to the level of being performed he wagged his tail anew. his common Obristianity was the sight of this, however, for such very sham fights are hoisted up. About this time I observed three days." was not lost time, and the more those who place, and we all seemed enveloped in flame. me as to my new duties. All the quad-conduct the leading of troops know of the What became of the shell of 1,550lbs., rupeds, excepting the disgraced "Cheeks," effects of fire such as we saw, the less likely deponent sayeth not, but for aught I know squatted or sprawled around us, and the will they be to fall into grievous error. As it may be travelling yet. At all events, as fattest pug of the company took up a comfour G's to aid him, "Geld, geduld, genie Southend, there appeared to be a very and gluck;" but a capable man can at all general conclusion that it was about time to thoughts to the flea-powder. events educate himself during peace by such retire from the service, and enter the Church. lessons as may be learnt from careful ex- We had stood out bravely against the 800periments such as we saw, so that when the pounders, but were now demoralized. time comes he may not fall into glaring last fifty minutes or theresbouts brought us tactical pitfalls.

The day was very hot, and we had all breakfasted very early, so that the move towards luncheon was hailed on all sides with great joy. A few minutes walk scross the pleasant turf of the marsh brought us close to the shore. Here we found the New Pier, and a battery partly casemated and partly open containing big guns for our de- University, I was on the look-out for lectation. But a big marques close at hand social position, the influence of friends obwas for the present far more attractive, and tained me what they described as a charmit was an interesting study to watch how ing berth in the shape of a secretaryship to artillerists and scientists dropped off from Lord X .- . His Lordship was powerfully an examination of the marvellous guns rich, the patron of many livings, and a freand centred round the coming lunch. At quant speaker in the House of Lords. Outlast the signal was given, and we all side that august chamber he was better sat down with more regard for our ap- known as the Dog's Friend," owing to his petites than for official precedence. This, having sought to pass a number of private was a War Office lunch, and a very good one too. But the idea of lunching at the consequence of the unsparing prosecutions ments in the world, was irresistibly comic, cognisance as having ill-treated a dog. At and as we strolled along by the rippling sea, the Clubs he was generally alluded to as watching the ships and batteries of Sheer-I was present the other day at a great ness and the peaceful roofs of Southend gradually emerge from the summer haze, one felt contemplative, aided by Saint Ni- evening, just in time for the dressing-bell. potina, and began to speculate dreamily as to what both our lunch was included under, escorted the dogoart which drove me from and whether the Treasury would be asked the station; in the entrance vestibule of the for a supplementary grant on account of the Champagne Cup.

But all things have an end; even a oigar, and the saunter along the pleasant beach. So we all turn to the New Pier battery, and here we find four of the heavy rifled muzzleloading guns, the 12.6-inch gun of 38 tons and the 11-inch of 25 tons, the 10-inch of 18 tons and the 12-inch of 25 tons. The 12,0-inch gan of 88 tons was in the casemate mounted on a wrought iron earrisge and platform which traversed easily. The gun was loaded by apparatus worked by a small 10-H-P. portable engine in rear. I confess the loading puzzled me, for I saw nothing but chains where' I looked for sponge and rammer. Of course, the hoisting up of the huge cartridge, an enormous bolster of: 130 lbs. of pebble powder, carried to the muzzle in a zine case, and then of the projectile, Palliser: shell weighing 800 lbs: were simple matters. However, oit was soon explained that the obsin, which I saw unwound and wound up by steam and entering the muzzle. was in effect the loading rod or rammer. It was a chain only one way, and has what is Lord X stood with his back to the man. If I gave any other answer. turned a "rule-joint," so that when it is telshelf and his cost tails under his arms, "He is the best bred dog going," answer- passages, and soon Lord X-walked into pushed it becomes rigid and stiff enough for | surrounded by some twenty dogs of every size | ed Lord X --- , gravely : "a gentleman's dog of us sat down on the pier, a few yards to and marled at my intrusion with seeming duoted himself at dinner." the right of the battery, and many of us not fury; others ran up and suiffed my trousers; I rejoined that Cheeks' offence was clean a little expectant, of either being damaged. I am bound to add that when I had patted blotted out of mind so far as I was compared by a "ges-check" or designed by the exi the heads of one or two, the majority wag- ed, and that dogs, like men, must be judged plosion. As the preparatory words are given ged their tails and became placable. Lord on their individual merits. conversation coases, and everything is lost X -- did nothing to extricate me from the "Quite so," said Lord X -- nodding smoke, and can watch the 800-pounder till ed friends. He eyed me in an attentive to blame; perhaps the pastry disagreed with We were now officially at the "head of it passes clean through the bull's-eye at way as if to see how I bore the ordes! and inch of 25 tons with a charged of 85 lbs. one when thus addressed by Mr Speaker, 9-inch 12-ton muzzle loading rife guns with employer gave me his hand, and remarked bell for a servant. "You will take up

strength distant 850 yards; we wore cobliged is the great case with which these enormous |-for such was their exact number-follow- | not a speck of white about him. Trimmed to dette firing in consequence of the appear- pieces are worked. I was present the other ed us sourrying into the room, and jumped in the usual lion fashion, he carried himself ande of several sexels directly in the range. day when a 10-inch gran of 18 tons was run each into a chair, whereon three footmen in with dignity, and there was affability in the Not to lose time, snother part of the pro- up and traversed by two officers while I laid livery began tying napkins round their greeting he gave me, for he wagged his tail gramme was carried out. This was the it with great case, Then the recoil is so necks, as if they were little boys. They, practice at wooden definites by the 9 casily checked by the hydraulic buffer, did this with the utmost gravity; and from would pounder field gun and the Catling gun, which consists of a piston, whose plate works first to last the dogs were waited upon as To my surprise, The 9-pounder gun was in a gunpit, and in a piston box filled with oil. The piston, human beings. They sat upon either side of fired ten founds of case with a charge of 1 plate has holes in it, and the friction of the table, forming a queer company of lbs. 4 oz., each case having 108 bullets, bil passing through these acts as a check to smooth and shaggy heads—bulls, poodles, voice whether I was in the habit of striking weight 163 to the pound. The range was | the recoil. With the 38-ton gun, the copper meetiffs, terriers and pugs, all of them fat, dogs, for if so, I must mind and not do so from 300 to 400 yards. Each "drain" of gas-check, screwed to the base of the pro- wheezy, and so far as I could judge, well in this house: "if you just gives one of " the gatling contained 240 rounds. It was jectile, is used. The only objection to this stricken in years. This fact was explained very interesting to see the Gatling worked, gas-check is that it seems to strip occasion- to me when "Old Doggie" observed that he though there seemed a stiffness and occa- ally, and a heavy copper dish flying about admitted to his table none but dogs who had the place howl too. My lord has taught sional check in some part of the mechanism. in close proximity to the spectators or gun- distinguished themselves by ten years of The sound of the working of this death-organ detachment is anything but a cheerful faithful service in his household and he in- says."

The rows of dummies were riddled times out of the twenty, while the remaining ble than men and will not accept dignities These cannot be carried by men always by the board, when en revanche mine own Old Deggie sat at one end of the table, I his tail on the floor whenever I addressed crawling on their bellies, and the practice of especial and cherished friend was put hors opposite him; and the dinner served us was him a word whilst undressing. Everything Friend, who was kindly and ungramma-Monday showed what might happen to the | de combas, an effect, I suppose, due to the | good. That which the dogs ate consisted of

> to Fenchurch Street after a day among big gons which will last most of us for some

CLUB ROOM TALES.

A BAD START IN LIFE. At the time when, having just left Bills for the protection of dogs and also in of the War Office; of all depart- he instituted against all who came under his "Old Doggie."

Larrived at Old Doggie's country-seat which I may term Kennel Hall, one August A couple of handsome Danish mastiffs had Hall crouched a pair of superb bloodhounds who eyed me with unfriendly stolldity, but without growling; the butler who showed me to my room was attended by a wiryhaired tarrier, who gambolled upstairs in front of us; and the yelps and barks of various other dogs in different parts of the premises reached me through the open window as I was putting on my dress-coat. am very fond of dogs, but began to hope that I was not going to see too many of them. All the coloured prints on the walls were descriptive of dogs; and on the toilettable I perceived a diminutive pair of bellows flanked by a packet labelled "Fles Powder. The chambermaid, who came in with hot water, told me in the most natural way possible, that if I found the fleas "inconvenient. I had only to fill a receptacle in the bellows with the powder and blow it -the powder-in light puffs over sheets or articles of personal attirs, as the case might

The dinner-bell rang; I descended, and

vited no sporting dogs, for they did not care through the air were not reassuring to timid The practice was very good and cach gun about the honour. "You must not force a people nor did the munic soothe one's feel- fired five rounds. The targets were hit five dog's will," he said; "they are more sensi-

plainly what the result would be of exposing small marks, and would have been destruct I had never seen Lord X — before this feeling of effervesoing enmity against all troops in the open, even in skirmishing tive to vessels of war. As I have said, the day, and found that he looked very much dogs in general, though that feeling durst order, to Gatling or artillery firing case. A main feature was the case with which the like a dog himself. He was about sixty, not be uncorked because of Old Doggie. daily paper, whose reporter was, I fear, not great guns were handled by detachments of tall and thick and had a shaggy grey head, "We each has a dog in our bedroom to asked to lunch, was very severe on this part | ten and twelve men. For some time I stood | a cross between a skye-terrier's and a mas- guard us," added she. of the practice and ridiculed the idea of its on the expense magazine in rear, but close tiff's. His jaw was under-hung, his upper teaching anything at all. Is it to be sup- to the guns and watched the loading, firing, lip long, his nose short; but his eye was which caused her to titter and say that she posed, he asked, that these infantry soldiers and effect of the shots, I deresay I may be brown, moist, and mild as a hound's with- got on well enough with her dog, though would stand there in the open without firing? tempted at some future time to lay increas- out a gleam of anything like humour. there were others in the house she couldn't Certainly not. But then on the side of the ing desiness at the door, or the muzzle, of The things he said about dogs, he uttered "abide;" and may be I was right in guessdefence we must presume an array of shelter | these big guns, but in the present, and in simply as if they were admitted facts; he ing that the incorruptible Cato was one of trenches lined with infantry pouring out reality, the noise was not as great as one never once apologised for the company in these. fire, in addition to the guns or Gatlings. expected. The explosions were certainly which he was compelling me to dine; and I As soon as the chambermaid was gone, explained this peculiarity. On the three Many positions afford little or no cover to destructive to umbrellas, for I had only just was not slow to see that I should lose cha- Banjo settled himself on the hearth-rug. the attacking force, and this is what we pointed out with glee that the umbrella of a racter in his eyes if I showed myself im- surveying me amicably though steadfastly look for in the attongest defensive positions. distinguished officer in front of me had gone pressed by the comical aspect of the scene.

platefuls of fish carefully boned, of roast dressing-gown, and sat down to read and the remark, How are thee, Rebecca without having first crushed and demoralized was the firing of the 80-ton gun. I had sold; and their drink was water, which effort of crushing would be successful against was anxious to see it fired. It is of simple When a dog wanted a second helping of a pricked up, and his jaws emitting a bark they emerged in pairs. The body of the staunch troops well protected is also a matter construction, according to Fraser's system, dish to his liking he looked round at the full of wrath. "Now, what's the matter building construction, according to Fraser's system, dish to his liking he looked round at the full of wrath. "Now, what's the matter building construction, according to Fraser's system, dish to his liking he looked round at the full of wrath. "Now, what's the matter building construction, according to Fraser's system, dish to his liking he looked round at the full of wrath. "Now, what's the matter building construction, according to Fraser's system, dish to his liking he looked round at the full of wrath. for speculation. At all events the practice is polygrooved, has a calibre of 15.5 inches, servants and growled; and Lord X—fre- with you?" said I, not divining that it was book and air outset of 15.5 inches, bymn. was most interesting to me as I had not long; and fires a Palliser shell weighing about quently interrupted his conversation with my organized his frenzy; but he books or prayer-books were to be seen, for present at some important 1,050lbs., the charge of the gun hoing 316lbs. me to say: "John, Wigsby is asking for soon showed me what it was, for on my the Quakers, maxim, as one of them. as manday res to illustrate the last new form of of powder. We walked along the shady more beef;" "William, attend to Judy, continuing to puff the noxious weed, he pressed it, is, "I do not carry my prayers within 800 and even 200 yards of a strong on the beach, looking like a sea-monster the board being perched upon hassocks. I had not been told that smoking in the board of hassocks. I had not been told that smoking in the board of hassocks. position where the defenders guns and in- which had prept out of the sea to bask in the There was no wrangling among them, but I bed-rooms was prohibited, and thought this I was at a loss to know what to do with lantry thoroughly under cover were pouring sun. It or she was on an immense low am sorry to say that one having eaten too proceeding of Banjo's a strong measure. my hat, taking off which might be construed. out fire on the advancing troops. It was carriage on ralls rin up from the water's much, forgot himself and had to be carried However, there is nothing like conforming into an sot of indecornus, and equivalent to very pretty," as a foreign officer once said edge. A second emaller pair of rails was out. Lord X—remarked: "That dog has to rules, so I went to bed; but I was scarce- treating the meeting as a more steeple. looking down at a field-day in our first laid from the bank above down to the not disgraced himself in this manner before, ly on the pillow before Banjo and I collided house. But most I observed, were than autumn manosuvres; but it was, as he also muzzle, and the great cartridge and project but he must be taught good manners, a second time; for I have a habit of reading covered, and so I was soon at my case. added wery funny." It was more than tile were run down on a ministure truck and John, you will keep Cheeks in the yard for myself to sleep, and this the poodle showed The ladies all of them comely, and many

not pictures, with even the faintest colouring | cautious speciators putting their fingers to | I presume my respectful demeanour to- made a bound on to the counterpane, grab- gentlemen, with vigorous, and thoughtful of real war, and are moreover misleading their care, a not unnatural precaution. wards the dogs satisfied my host, for after and dangerous. Therefore, Monday's ex- Eight degrees of elevation was given and at dinner, when we adjourned to the smokingperiment, if exaggerated on the other side, the words "come to fire;" a terrific roar look room, he began in a friendly tone to instruct Von Moltke says, every general wants the we drove off to catch our special train at fortable position at my feet, where he soon made his presence felt in a way that led my

> conducting of an extensive correspondence was aggrieved; and to take care, moreover, out. that those of the dogs who had allotted their own exercise as for the benefit of the

gigar and then observed that he had every did their business much better and cheaper than twice that number of night-keepers I which I was resolved to nip in the bud. would have done, so that posching was unknown on his grounds. The plate-closet, wine-cellar, orchards, poultry-yards, and stables were all similarly watched by dogs, and those in the stables had been trained to allow no smoking there nor did they. to the house-dogs, there was one who had the responsible and delicate duty of seeing that none of the male-servants intruded into the passage where the maid-servants lodged; from his incorruptibility he was called Cato; "and he is no favourite with the females." added his lordship, drily.

To all these things that Old Doggie attered I paid an attentive ear, not sure that I should acquit myself of my tasks so honour- | plaguey brute gave forth; for, faithful ably as the quadrupeds did of theirs, but minded to try, nevertheless. When eleven me longer, and asked whether I had an objection to a dog sleeping in my room; and whom you shall take away as a gift have stopped a fogwhistle as this dog

in my room if he is clean and quiet," I rewas shown into the drawing-room where plied, guessing that it would annoy my host with the eacophony of rageful noises.

rammer. The practice was at two pairs and race. The instant I had crossed the he is, and one who will soon win your conof floating targets, fift. by fit. placed at threshold these animals gave tongue one fidence. You must not let yourself be predistances of 1,200 and 1,000 yards. Most and all. Some jumped on to the furniture, judiced because that rescal Cheeks miscon-

"and after all, poor Cheeks is possibly not

him. I am not sure that we have a right to me to beg that Cheeks may be pardoned?"

"Well, well, for this once, since you sak it," answered Old Doggie, whose feathres when the footmen came, "and-eh-stop, plied his lordship, severely. you will remove Cheeks from the punish. ment list, and let him appear at breakfast as usual to-morrow. Mr Emith has intercoded for him."

host good night, and retired to my room. Little ways, Lord I --- would have afforded benefit of those who may thus be afflicted. A few minutes after I was there, a good me a good start in life, for he was often as -I am, Sir, yours truly, Haway Astorass

and let him pull him about as much as

To my surprise, however, the good-looking chambermaid, who stood by watching me with feminine souteness saked in a low the merest ouff on the side of the lead howls that awful that all the other dorgs em to do it for mutual protection, as he

"Thank you for telling me; but I never do beat dogs," was my answer,

"I thought it well to warn you, hir," the chambermaid, in whom, as in the other servants, there was noticeable a bottled-up

"Happy dogs !" I observed, laughing,

through his shiny black eyes, and thumping went on well till I had wrapped myself in a tically greeted by all rich and poor, with smoke a cigarette. But the instant I had Jones?" The gentlemen went to the right struck the match Banjo bristled up on all injoyah anterpom, where a faw minutes fours, his tail stiff as a poker, his ears were spent in mild secular talk, and whence

pered off with it in triumph to the farthest lines. In front of them was the gallery. corner of the room, where he pushed it under two rows of seats raised a trifle above the the chest of drawers with his fore-paws, level of the floor. In the back row sat the obviously meaning to hide it out of sight.

brow, and I felt that it would be long before | in the front, sat the elders, and overseers. Barjo and I became firm friends. However, male and female too. One or two female the dog looked so innocent of the intention elders were shut up in true Friends, bonof doing aught but what he had been trained nets; those bonnets, placed in a prominent The duties which Old Doggie marked out to do, that I limited my protest to a mur- position, were as much, I could see, relica were to be no sincoure, for they involved the mured blessing, and, having extinguished of the past as the helmets, hung, on the candle, turned away to sleep.

with societies who protected dogs, dealers | Mast my troubles were by no means at | nothing to suggest faithfulness to the query who sold them, private persons who had an end, for it seems that I occasionally touching plainness of speech, behaviour, called his lordship's attention to traits of snore; and although Banjo could have had and apparel ? Perhaps, if anything struck genius or fidelity in their dogs and other per- | no orders to stop this (in a bachelor) harm- | me as regards the dress of those around me, sons who were supplying statistics with less, though ill-sounding practice, he took it was a certain costly simplicity, an intrinsic to projected dog-bills, among the liberty of objecting to it on his own solidity about the silks, an unostentawhich a bill for repealing the dog-tax held private account. He awoke me by drag- tious soundness of texture and richness of the foremost place in my host's prececupa- ging the bed-clothes off my sleeping fabric.

functions duly performed them as much for in fury, as I at length gave up the attempt, aspect of things, when I once crawled on and I went to bed again, laying a bootjack | hands and feet far from the daylight through on the night-table to serve as a missile in the old workings and up the gloomy As he came to this part of my instructions | case there were any further infringement | galleries of a deserted mine. But silence. Old Doggie took a few silent puffs at his upon my rights. I had not the remotest has its inner and outer chambers, its depths idea at the time that it was my snoring and lower depths, and we seemed as we sat: faith in the honesty of a dog but none in which the dog objected to, and thought he to be borne to its nethermost caverns. In that of a man. Thus his preserves were simply cherished the delusion that I ought | the first five minutes, the rustle of silks guarded at night by six bloodhounds, who to sit up and play with him all night or lie and the abuffling of feet settling into on the hearth-rug in his company—delusions | position had died away. Another two

had I floated comfortably into dreamland ceased. Another minute more, and the fall than he awoke me anew, and this time his of a pin would have sounded as a profane barking had something of indignant aston- act. Henceforth I lost count of time; if I ishment in its inflexions as though he were | was conscious at all, it was of the outwardly surprised at my bad manners in making so strange fact that while human beings usualmy part, was only surprised at my previous their homes and travelled far in order to longanimity. Lighting the candle once be silent together and enjoy gregarious more, I caught up the bootjack and, throw- quiet. ing it with a swift, sure aim sent it straight on to Banjo's hind-quarters. The howl he forthwith uttered would have shaken the vault of a cathedral.

But not one howl only was it that the the pact of mutual protection established between Lord X-'s dogs, he yelped and raved till every dog in the place, from attio to basement, and yard to orchard, joined in the chorus. Stop him, bless you! There not, I have a beautiful black poodle who was no stopping him; he was howling acshall be your companion while you are here, cording to order, and you might as soon pelting him with boots, shoes, tooth-brushes, "I have not the least objection to a dog and lumps of coal, as I successively did. In an incredibly short time the house shook heard stops down the stairs and along the

"Order! order!" said his lordship, thereby summarily staving the music of the two quadrupeds; and then he turned upon me, hugging himself in his gray dressing-gown, and looking both guunt and menacing "Why have you ill-used that poor dog, Mr Smith ?" said he.

Why, he has swoken me twice, and only tried to silence him with a bootlack,"

"Probably you encred. I forgot to warn "As you please," said I. "I would have thrown a bootjank at my best friend if he

had pulled the bed-clothes off me." bootjack back this poor dog cannot," re-

terms below zero, and he has frowned at me taking two bottles of your valuable Pills, I since every time we met. Possibly, if I was quite restored to my namal state of I took this opportunity of wishing my Bould have accustomed myself to Banjo's health. Please give this publicity for the

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE.

It is not necessary to mention the name. or situation of the meeting house, but you must know a little about its appearance. I saw at a glance that it was a somewhat more carnal atructure than the usual, Friends Meeting-House. That is a square, prim. dingy, brick building, belonging to no order of architecture, surrounded generally by a high, blind wall, shutting out the din of the outer world, and standing in a small, trim court-yard. You may expect to see a few flags in front of the door-"the Quakers' Exchange," as it is called, where the Friends, after meeting, congregate to talk over the most innocent gossip of the This was not quite like these peaceful meeting places of a peaceful people. There was about its gates some of the bustle and stir that showed that Its congregation was gathered from the dwellers

in a considerable manufacturing town. Carriages drawn by the sleekest of horses drove up in quick succession, and lootmen slammed the doors with an extra bang. perhaps with the feeling, Let us make a poise while we may." All-Friends on foot as well as carriage-folk-exchanged greetings and shook hands. One chuld not help being struck by the large size of the building for the number of attendants, committee rooms, antercoms, and laystories shold, males and females, husbands and wives, were inexerably torn asunder. The ladies entered a retiring-room, where they were relieved of their cloaks by an attendant me was also a breach of rules. He simply much more sat on one side, while the bed at my Times with his teeth, and scam- faces, sat on snother, in grave and parallel approved ministers, male and female, if the The blood of indignation mounted to my weighty, seasoned, and substantial Friends; baronial wall, In the garbs there was

tions. In addition to this I was to keep a ligure and barking persistently till I had The service began, or, rather, it did not general look-out over the 350 dogs who re- relit the candle: unfortunately, not being begin; all that was done was to sink into sided upon the estate. Lord X told me able to tell me why he had done these general silence. And what a silence is I he had a private veterinary to attend to things, he only succeeded in exciting my have heard of the stillness of the central their ailments, and several grooms to main- just anger. I felt excusable in trying to seas or the allence of the grave or "the tain their spacious yards and kennels in a put him out of the room, but he refused to voice of hushed-up life." I have sat bestate of scrupulous cleanliness; but a super- go and took refuge under the bed, where he side voiceless tarns, in solitary places vising eye was required to see that no dog snarled at every effort to coax or rout him among the hills. I know something of the awful stillness brooding over mountain-"Well then, don't begin afresh," cried I tops, and I vividly remember the dumb minutes more, and the short, devout cough Banjo let me go to sleep, but no sooner which is the exordium of all services had light of his previous warnings. But I for ly meet to talk, these good people had left

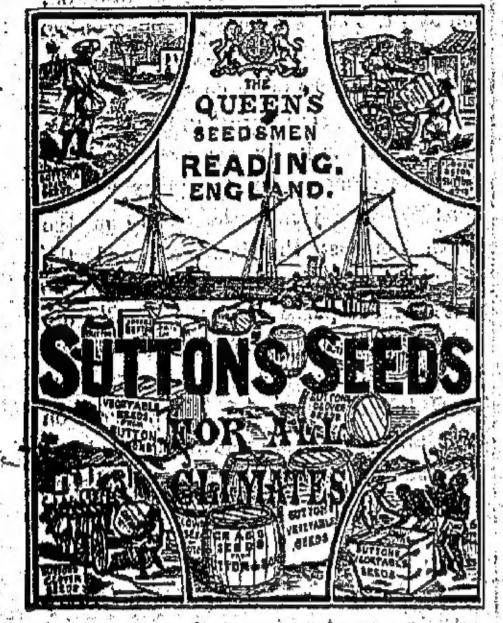
> At last, much to my regret, the slience was broken. One of the audience, if the term may be used, of long standing in the Truth knelt, and "appeared in supplica-His prayer was in no way striking, not more fervid and living than the prayers a hireling ministry. When it was ended, another period of rapt silence followed; then another gentleman rose to speak. On the sermon there was much to say in praise. It was homely, and expressed in those simple Saxon terms which Friends, to their credit, faithfully use. The morality inculcated was practical i there were no declamatory outbursts, no faise sentiment or straining at effect; and considering that the discourse was improvised it was strangely coherent. It was manifestly the sincere, uppremeditated the room, attended by a growling Newfound- expression of the working of an earnest mind. But one peculiarity was very pronounced-a mixture of Biblical and mercantile phraseology. The speaker's thoughts were always spiritual, but his words were at times a little earthy. He argued a little too much that ain was a worthless investment, and that escrince meant lending on very as a security. From some saying in the Old Testament he drew a moral which would have been better understood in the surrounding manufacturing town than in ancient Judea.

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8, Yattung, for Haibaw. 8. Volga, for Yokohams. 8, Yangtese, for Shanghal. 8, George Oroshuw, for London, CLEARED.

City of Limerick, for Shanghai, Chinaman, for New York. Albay, for Holhow, doc. 2 LIFE BOATS, NAUTICAL INSTRU- A. E. Vidal, for Bangkok.

> PASSENGERS. ABRITED. Per Rajanattianuhar, from Bangreis Capt. R. Brown, Per Macian, from Amoy, 81 Ohiness. DEPARTED. Per Volga, for Yokohama, Mestri Garnier, Nakao, Funate, Fariers, and Per Politing, for Rollies, 10 Chiungs

SHIPPING REPORTS. The British steamer Hetjanattianuhar re-ports: Fresh monsoon throughout The Spanish steemer Macian reports

Fine weather throughout. The British steamer Golden Horn reports: On the 2nd inst. passed the barque W. E. Gladstone running to the Southward and Westward. Weather dine throughout the passage.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:-For SWATOW .-Per NORNA, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 4th inst. FOR HOIHOW, PAKHOL, AND HAI-

PHONG.---Per ALBAY, at 9 a.m. To-morrow, the 4th inst., instead of as previously notified. For HOLHOW AND HALPHONG.

Per CONQUEST, at 9 a.m. To-morrow. the 4th inst. For MANILA. Per MACTAN, at 11.30 a.m., on Mon-

day, the 5th inst. FOR STRAITS SETTLEMENTS .-Per OOEAN, at 2.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 8th inst.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET .-

The English Contract Packet NIZAM Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 8th November.

The following will be the hours of closing Wednesday, 7th November .-5 r. M., Money Order Office closes.

6 F.M., Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night, 7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale

of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence, 10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases. (10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted with LATE FEE of 18 cents extra

Postage till A.M., when the Post Office Closes (11.30 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom Via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet witl

Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, 11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally Hongkong, October 27, 1877.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PAGENT. The United States Mail Packet OCHANIC will be despatched on THURSDAY the 8th November, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as fol

2 P.M. Registry of Letters coases. 2.80 r.m. Post-Office closes. 2.80 P.M. Correspondence for Japan, the

United States, or Union Countries only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage

2.50 P.M. when the Mail is finally closed. Hongkong, October 15, 1877.

MAILS BY THE PREMOR PACKET. The French Contract Packet AMAZONE will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 15th Instant, with Mails to and through th United Kingdom and Europe, vid Marssilles: to Salgon, Singapore Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras

following will be the hours of closing the Mails, do :-Wednesday, 14th Instant.-

Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box. which remains open all night. Thursday, 15th Instant. 7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of

Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. 11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late

11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a to Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, 11.30 A.M., when the Post Office Closes

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW. RELIGIOUS SERVICES:

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL. The Right Beverend Bishop Burdon; The Rev. E Davys, Acting Colonial Chaplain, At 11 s.m., Morning Prayer, &c.

Military Service. - Rev. J. Handerson acting Military Chaplain. At 8 a.m. Morning Prayer, &c.

Union OHURCH, Minister, Rev. James Lamont. Morning Service, at 11 A.M. Afternoon, 6 P.M. ST. PETER'S SEAMER'S OMUBOR. -- Rev. Handerson. Service at 6 P.M., every

Sunday. All seats free. Morning Prayer and Communion on the First Sunday in ST. STEVERN'S MISSION CHURCH. - Rev. A. B. Hutchinson, and Rev. Lo Sam Yuen. (All Services in Chinese.) Morning Prayer :- Litany, Ante-Communion, and Segmen, at 11 A.M. Bible Class, at 3

P.M. Presching, at 6.80 P.M. Holy Communion, 1st Sunday in Chinese month. Bratin Foundling House, Service in the German language, by Pastor E. Klitsko, overy Sunday, at half-past ton A.M., in the Chapel of the Berlin Foundling House,

West Point Shipping. Daylight, Albuy leaves for Holhow, div. 8 a. m .- Anadyr leaves for Shanghal.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY,

Shipping. Noch .- Macion leaves for Manila. 2 p.in. -- Emuy leaves for Manila, Goods per Hleurs Castle undelivered stier this date subject to rent.

Austion. Noon. Sale of Life Boots, &c., at Mosara Gipp, Litington & Co.'s Goldwar.

General Memoranda. TUESDAY, November 6:--

2 p.m.—Sale of Japanese Curios, &c., at Mr Armstrong's Sale Room. WEDNESDAY, November 7:-Daylight.—Namoa leaves for Coast Ports.

THURSDAY, November 8:-Noon. - English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. 8 prin.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San

Francisco. 9 p.m. -Amateur Concert at the City Hall. FRIDAY, November 9 :-Noon. -General Weekly Sale by Mesars

Lane, Crawford & Co. Goods per Anadyr undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

2 p.m.—Sale of Rugs, &c., at No. 7, Queen's Road Central. Bowen leaves for Singapore, &c., on or about this date. Monday, November 12:-

Goods per City of Limerick undelivered

after this date subject to rent. Tuesday, November 27 :--Noon. -Sale of Ground and Buildings, at Mesers Lane, Crawford's Sale Room, Prays.

will be despatched with the Malls for HONGKONG DISPENSARY Established A.D. 1841.

WATSON & Co., FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS. WHOLESALS AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS.

1MPORTERS DEUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, NURSERY REQUI-SITES, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH, AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATERT

MANUFACTURERS Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water, Gingerade, Potass Water, Sarsaparilla

MEDICINES

Water, and other Aerated Waters. The Manufactory is under direct and continuous European Supervision. Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commensed et 7.20 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOV. 3, 1877.

WE stated a few days since that the The total number of pupils in these Colonial Estimates for 1878 had been establishments was 1,730,179-1,312,141 for some time under the consideration of male, and 418,038 female-or 5.15 per the Financial Committee of the Legisla- cent. of the total population. This pertive Council. This statement was, we centage is no doubt a small one, but if have now reason to believe, only partially | the increase in the number of pupils in stealing an umbrella from an intending correct, as, although the financial year 1874 as compared with 1873, viz., passenger for Canton by the steamer Kincloses at the end of this month, the more 568,966, be maintained for a few years. | shan. He was sent to three months' hard important items of Colonial expenditure, Japan will in this respect soon be on a such as those relating to Public Works, level with the most advanced European have not even yet been submitted to the nations. Of the 108 foreign instructors Financial Committee. As the changes employed by the Ministry of Public likely to be suggested by H. E. the Governor may involve the gravest consideration and the liveliest discussion in Council, this curtailment of the 22, French 14, Russian 1, Swiss 1, and time usually devoted to a frank and Chinese 1. The total expenditure on fearless criticism of the measures pro- elementary schools in 1874 was £639,055, posed seems to be particularly unfor- of which £216,169 was raised by voluntunate. Everything is apparently at a tary contributions, £291,722 by school standstill, under the present system of district rates, and £60,320 by school despatch-writing, and the approval of fees. The Government aid to these Lord Carnarvon seems to be now regard- schools was £60,000, and it also expended as absolutely necessary to be obtained ed £128,628 during the same year on before the more important fiscal measures | the colleges and higher schools, as well are even breached in Committee or Coun- as a considerable sum on the education cil, instead of being sanctioned after of young men in Europe and America. their discussion. We are keenly alive to the fact that Lord Carnaryon is a tower of strength on which the Colonists may in any emergency fall back, and an authority to whom the Community can always appeal against any grievance. But it does seem to be a remarkable systemthis wholesale reference to London; and it is not the less so because all the references and representations are made "according to Hennessy," which may or may not be of the soundest description. His Excellency the Governor must have got through an amount of work during these few months back worthy of a Brougham; but this labour would, we feel sure, have been performed to much better purpose had he consulted his subordinates more freely, and taken the public into his confidence more than he has done. We do not suppose that Earl Carneryon desires to institute a monopoly of government to the exclusion of the public voice, taking in Mr Hennessy as a partner resident in Hongkong; but the present aspect of affairs leads one to think that such a thing is not regarded as impossible by the present race of ad ministrators. How the Estimates can be dealt with constitutionally and properly at this late hour it is very difficulty to

is composed of 10,000 Chinese troops, disgraceful exhibition than that I record. the kind, imaginable. As might be ex- is simply a fearful megasine of ex-

guns of a more respectable calibre, made | tremely difficult to keep machinery of however, of leather, and warranted to this kind free from rust and in good burst after five rounds.

IT is stated in the Straits' paper that since the resent Kongsee riots at Malacca several Chinese belonging to the various Secret Societies in the Settlement have notified, in writing to the Acting Lieut-Governor and the Registrar of Secret Societies, as well as to the Headmen of the Kongsees, their determination to resign their membership of the Societies to which they belong. Advertisements have also appeared in the Times lately renouncing further connection with the Societies, and as these announcements are somewhat unique, at least to Hongkong readers, we append the substance of one which appears in our Singapore contemporary of the 18th ultimo :- "We, the undersigned, do hereby give the public of the Straits Settlements, notice, that from and after this date our connection with the 'HOK BENG' Secret Society ceases; neither is it our intention hereafter to re-enter it, or to enter any other of the Chinese Dangerous Societies. In the event of our so doing, we are quite willing that Government should impose upon us any fine, or inflict upon us any punishment the usual services in St. John's Cathedral. they may deem proper." Such facts as and at St. Peter's Church in the evening, these indicate that the suppression of on behalf of the Church Missionary Society. these Societies would not be the formid- Collections will be made on these occasions able, if not impossible task, apparently anticipated by the Straits authorities. Announcements of this kind show that the Societies are not even popular among some of the members, that there is little trouble or danger in withdrawing from them, and that members have but small hesitation in taking such a step when they believe their interest will be served thereby The only privilege gained by these withdrawals will, we presume, be freedom from arrest in the event of any further | B. Hutchinson, has now two stations on Straits.

In a very elaborate report on Japan

Majesty's Legation at Tokio gives some

interesting particulars respecting th state of education in the country, as exhibited by the latest official returns. The present Government early recognised the importance of diffusing knowledge of all kinds amongst the people generally, and actively prosecuted the work of reorganising old schools and opening new ones. In 1874 there were no less than 20,017 elementary schools open in the country—being an increase of 7,459 over the number in 1873-in addition to 32 middle schools, 53 normal schools 91 foreign language schools, and 2 Government colleges for special sciences. Education 45 (40 male and 5 female) are English, 19 (17 male and 2 female) American, and the remainder are German

APROPOS of affairs in the Straits, we

observe that serious complaints are being

made at Singapore in regard to the efficiency of the local Fire Brigade, and if the representations of a correspondent are accurate, it must be admitted that the gallant pompiers of the Settlement as well as their engines are sadly behind the age. This is the description given of the engines by an Old Fireman as they appeared at a recent fire. glancing at the machines it at once became my fervent hope that something would occur to prevent steam being generated in any of them. The machinery of one was clogged up by all sorts of nameless odds and ends, such as wrenches, keys, spanners, hose couplings, &c., while that of the other was in such a state of neglect and rust, as regarded the working parts, that its powers of working were at least problematical. The appearance of all three engines (two of steam! On glanding into the furnaces, I found that the so-called fires at According to some statistics published that period, would not have sufficed to in the Pioneer, Thibet, that mysterious heat an ordinary flat iron. After an effected by machinery, can boast of an English and American Brigades, I can army of about 25,000 men. This force safely aver that I never saw a more mainly stationed at the capital Libers. I may further aid, that the valves and called out in war time. Their arms variably set the wrong way, and that consist of matchlooks and straight swords there was no provision for the water both the miserablest weapons, even of supply, without which a steam fire engine pected these "troops" are almost ignorant plosion " At one time we were not of drill, excepting perhaps those of the very much enraptured with the Gov-

working order either at Singapore or Hongkong, but there can be no excuse for the engines being blocked up with odds and ends, having dull fires, deficient water supply to the boilers, and cooks turned in every conceivable direction but the proper one. "Old Fireman's" letter, however, seems to have drawn the attention of "Singaporeans" to the state of their brigade, and some improvements will doubtless be effected in the matter.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE Gazette of to-day notifies that a list of the tenements and their valuations for 1878 will be open for inspection at the Treasury for 14 days from Monday, the 5th instant.

From the monthly return of the Collector. Stamp Revenue, published in to-day's Gazette, we note that the revenue collected under the Stamp Ordinances up to October 31st amounted to \$98,161.51, showing an increase on last year to same date of

SERMONS will be presched to-morrow at all in aid of the Society's work in South China. The C. M. S. is justly regarded as one of the most deserving of the many associations whose object is the spread of the Truth amongst the heathen; and the appeal now made for support is sure to evoke that liberal response which the past history and present condition of the Society fully justify. The Society, under the Rev. A. Kongses disturbances occurring in the the Mainland, and we understand that two other stations are likely to be established if sufficient funds are forthcoming for the recently published, the Secretary to Her good work,

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending Oot

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Police Intelligence.

Grand total, 2,651.

3rd November, 1877. Ng A Ng, a hawker, was charged with

(Before James Russell, Esq.)

ANOTHER PETTY THEFT. Low A Pat, a coolie, was charged with stealing a lot of iron hooks from a boat-

builder at Wong Kok Tsui. He was likewise sent to three months' hard labour.

AN OLD OFFENDER Wong A Tsoi, coolie, was brought up for stealing a bamboo hat, the property of Che A Hing, a gardener at Yowmahtee. He pleaded guilty to a previous summary conviction for felony, and was consequently

now sent to six months' hard labour.

Osten Thomson, a seaman, was fined 50 cents for being drunk in the street. Henry Kelly, seaman British ship Abercorn, was charged with assaulting a chaircoolie, but as the complainant did not choose to appear, the case was discharged.

HIGH-HANDED PROCEEDINGS Lew A Yow and seven others, stone-cutters. were charged under the following circumstances.-Martin Payne stated that he was overseer of works in the Surveyor General's Department. Mr McLeod, an overseer, told him to keep certain workmen from hammering stone at Queen's Road Central close to Ice House Lane. Yesterday witness stopped eight men who were at work. This morning they started work, and witness went to the 2nd defendant and took his hammer from him and threw it away. The defendant went up and lifted it up as if to strike the witness with it. All the other men rose en masse with their hammers and held them up as if going to strike the witness, who then went for a Constable and gave them in charge. The men were dressing and finedressing stones. They were working on a Government work .- The defendants were discharged.

Bangkok.

Our Bangkok correspondent writing under labelled in large letters Singapore date of the 20th October, says: In a former Municipal Engine,) was disgraceful to letter of mine, the following paragraph tration to be believed. At the expira- occurred :-" Letters are said to have been tion of 25 minutes from the alarm received from Peking threatening that utiless neither engine of the two whose ambassadors are sent at once with the tribute fires were lit had generated half a pound (now unpaid for 20 years) with all arrearages, hostilities will be at once commenced. Siam must fight. To pay the tribute and thereby acknowledge herself only a province country, where praying is said to be experience of many years with Colonial, of China, would nullify all her treaties with foreign nations and make her at once the scoff and the derision of the East. Better death than that, they say ; so the sound of and 15,000 native militia, who are only cooks were, whenever it was possible, in the land." The Straits Times, in copying this item of news, remarked that it was very improbable. Now I am not naturally ourse ous, but I really should like to know which portion of my paragraph comes in for this sweeping objurgation. There were four propositions set forth First-That Sigm Of drill, excepting perhaps those of the very much enraptured with the Gov-Chinese contingent, while their fortresses ernment engines in Hongkong, but matter of history and has not, I believe, ever are scarcely worthy of the name, being we scarcely think we ever descended to been questioned, though the purposes of the wretched enclosures, the walls of which the Singapore level, if this is a fair tribute have been variously defined | some are surmounted with iron "gingels," or description of it. He doubt it is en- executes that it was so a token of vanished

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1 1 Powell, Lt. R.

Chick, Mrs R. H. 1

Intimations.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE Chinese Mail.

TIWO cents a character for the first 100 characters, and one cent a character beyond the first 100, for first insertion, and half price for repetitions during the first week. Subsequent weeks insertions will be charged only one half the amount of the first week's charge, Advertisements for half a year and longer will be allowed a deduction of 25 per cent on the total amount, and contracts for more favourable terms can be made.

Efforts have been made to establish Agents for circulating the Chinese Mail in all the ports and in the interior of China, all the ports in Japan, in Salgon, Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the Phillippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru and other places which Chinese frequent, When the list of Agencies is completed, it will be published. Agents have been already established in most of the above places, and in important ports more than one agent has been appointed at each. OHUN AYIN,

Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

POSTAL RATES.

Subjoined we give the postal rates now in force for transmission of correspondence to all parts of the world. Detailed rules affecting the transmismion of packets, parcels, &c., will be found annexed, together with a number of miscellaneous and useful notices.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised July 2nd, 1877.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

N.R. means No Registration,

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, the United States, Brazil, India (including Ceylon, the Straits, and Aden), Egypt, Labuan, Mauritius, Seychelles, Jamaica, Trinidad, British Gulana, and Bermuda, with all French, Nether-

lands, Portuguese, and Spanish Colonies. Countries NOT in the Union. - The chief countries not in the Union are: the Australasian Group, British North America Africa (except French, &c., Colonies), and Central America.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route :-Letters. 12 cents per ½ oz. Registration, 8 cents. Newspapers, 2 cents each. Books and Patterns, 4 cents per 2 oz.

Exceptional rates, to the United Kingdom and Union Countries served through the United Kingdom via Brindisi only:-Letters. 16 cents per ½ oz. Registration. 8 cents. Newspapers, 4 cents each. Books and Patterns, 6 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

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Books & Patterns, 8 W. Indies, (except as above) Buenos Ayres, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Grey Town, La Guayra, Monta Video, New Granada, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela :--Letters, 28 Newspapers, 6 Books & Patterns, 14

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Newspapers. 4

Registration West Indies only, 12

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji St. Helens, Ascension.

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Local and Town Postage.	Letters	Registration.	Newspapers.	Birs, & Pitrus,
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direction..... 2 8 2 Between any other two of alo value. the following places (through a British Office) viz.:-Hong-Pattern and Sample Post to colonies and kong, Macao, Ports of China and Japan, Bangkok, Salgon, and the Philippines, by Private

Any publication fulfilling the conditions hereafter named can pass as a newspaper. The conditions are as follows :-

Ship, 4822 Between the above by Con-

1st. The publication must consist wholly or in great part of political or other news, or of articles relating thereto, or to other current topics, with or without advertisements.

2nd. It must be published in numbers at intervals of not more than 31 days, and must be printed on a sheet or sheets unstitched

3rd. The full title and date of publication must be printed at the top of the first page, and the whole or part of the title and the date of publication at the top of every subsequent page; and this regulation applies to Tables of Contents and Indices.

4th. A supplement must consist wholly or in great part of matter like that of newspaper, or of advertisements, printed on a sheet or sheets, or a piece or pieces of paper, unstitched; or wholly or in part of engravings, prints, or lithographs illustrative of articles in the newspaper. The supplement must in every case be published with the newspaper, and must have the title and date of publication of the newspaper printed at the top of every page; or, if it consists of engravings, prints, or lithographs, at the top of every sheet or side.

A packet containing two or more newspapers is not chargeable with a higher rate of postage than would be chargeable on a book packet of the same weight.

A newspaper posted unpaid, or a packet of newspapers posted either unpaid or insufficiently paid, is treated as an unpaid Newspapers over four ounces in weight or insufficiently paid book packet of the same weight

The postage must be prepaid either by an adhesive stamp, or by the use of a stamped

No newspaper can now be sent through the post a second time for the original postage. For each transmission a fresh postage is required.

Every newspaper must be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, wafer, sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise) or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of easy removal for examination. If this rule be infringed the newspaper is treated as a letter.

Every newspaper must be so folded, as to admit of the title being readily in-

A newspaper or packet of newspapers which contains any enclosure except supplements is charged as a letter, unless the enclosure be such as might be sent at the book rate of postage, and the entire packet be sufficiently prepaid as a book packet, in

which case it is allowed to pass. A newspaper which has any letter, or any communication of the nature of a letter written in it or upon its cover, is charged as an unpaid or insufficiently paid letter. No packet of newspapers may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above two feet in

length, one foot in width, nor one in depth.

A book-packet may contain any number of separate books or other publications (including printed or lithographed letters), photographs (when not on glass or in cases containing glass or any like substance) drawings, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, or any other substance in ordinary use for writing or printing upon; and the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be either printed, written, engraved, lithographed, or plain, or any mixture of these. Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book do, or of a portion thereof, is allowed, whether such binding, &c. be loose or attached: as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books, pens or pencils in the case of pocket-books, dre. and, in short, whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of such articles, or usually appertains thereto; but the binding, rollers, do. must not be sent as a separate packet,

Circulars, -i.e., letters which are intend ed for transmission in identical terms several persons, and the whole or the greater part of which is printed, engraved, or lithographed, -may also be sent by

But a book-packet may not contain any letter, or communication of the nature of letter (whether separate or otherwise) unless it be a circular-letter or be wholly printed; nor any enclosure sealed or in any way closed against inspection; nor any other enclosure not allowed by Rule 3, this rule be infringed, the entire packet

is charged as a letter. A book-packet may be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum. water, seating war, postage stamp, or otherwise), or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of the contents being easily withdrawn for examination; otherwise it is treated as a letter. For the greater security of the contents, however, It may be tied at the ends with string ! Postmasters being authorised to dut the string in such cases, although if they do so

they must again tie up the packet. No book-packet may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above 24 Inches in length, 12 inches in width, or 12 inches in depth, unless it be sent to or from one of the

Government offices. When, owing to a great and unusual influx of letters, books, &c., the transmission or delivery of the letters would be delayed if the whole mail were dealt with without distinction, book-packets may be kept back till the next despatch or delivery.

The limit of size for a book-packet addressed to any place abroad is 24 inches (N.R.), Mozambique (N.R.), Natal, Cape, in length and 12 inches in width or depth. Exceptions. - No packet for Algeria, Letters, by Contract Packet 24; by Pri. Azoros, Cape de Verd Islands, France, Madeirs, or Portugal, or for Egypt, Syria,

must be above 18 inches in length, width, or depth.

They must not be of intrinsic value This rule excludes all articles of a saleable nature, and indeed whatever may have a value of its own, apart from its more use as a pattern; and the quantity of any material sent ostensibly as a pattern must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having on this ground an intrin-

foreign countries is restricted to bond fide trade patterns or samples of merchandise. Goods sent for sale, or in execution of an order (however small the quantity may be), or any articles sent by one private individual to another, which are not actual patterns or samples, are not admissible. Patterns or samples, when practicable, must be sent in covers open at the ends, and in such a manner as to be easy of examination. But samples of seeds, drugs, and such like articles, which cannot be sent in covers of this kind, -but such articles only,-may be posted enclosed in boxes, or bags of linen, of other material, fastened

in such a manner that they may be readily opened; or, in the case of seeds, &c., for the United States of America, Holland, and its possessions, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Portugal and its possessions, and Switzerland, in bags entirely closed, provided such closed bags are transparent, so as to enable the Officers of the Post Office readily to satisfy themselves as to the

nature of the contents. There must be no writing or printing upon or in any packet except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender, a trade mark or number, and the price of the articles.

Samples of intrinsic value must not be sent to any foreign country except United States; and in the case of France samples of elder down, raw or thread silk, woollen or goats' hair thread, vanilla, saffron, carmine, or isinglass, are considered to fall under this rule if they weigh more than three ounces; and up to this weight raw and spun silk, as well as coloured and twisted silk, may be sent to Germany.

The rule which forbids the transmission through the Post of any article likely to injure the contents of the Mail Bage or Boxes, or the person of any Officer of the Post Office is, of course, applicable to the Pattern Post; and a packet containing anything of the kind will be stopped, and not sent to its destination, Articles such as the following have been occasionally posted as Patterns, and have been detained as unfit for the Post, viz : Metal boxes, porcelain and China, fruit, vegetables, bunches of flowers, cuttings of plants, spurs, knives, scissors, needles, pins, pieces of machinery, sharp pointed instruments, samples of metals, samples of ore, samples in glass bottles, pieces of glass, acids of various kinds, ourry combs, copper and steel engraving plates, and confectionery of all

Such articles as scissors, knives, rasors. forks, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or ore, provided that they be packed and guarded in so secure a manner as to afford complete protection to the contents of the mail bags and to the Officers of the Post Office, while at the same time they may be easily examined, may be sent as samples to the following countries, but to these alone. viz., the Azores, Belgium, Cape de Verd Islands, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Holland, Madeira, Moldavia, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States, Wallachia, and the British Colonies. Indigo cannot be sent to any place abroad.

A packet of patterns or samples sent to the Azores, Cape de Verd Islands, France, Madeira, Portugal, or by French packet, to Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, must no exceed 18 inches in length, width, or depth; a packet to any other place abroad must not exceed 24 inches in length or 12 inches in width or depth.

To provide the greatest possible facilities for posting Correspondence for Europe, &c., up to the latest moment before the departure of the French Packets, arrangements have been made for receiving at the Post Office late letters-except those to and through Australia-from 11.10 A.M. to 11.30 A.M. Each letter must bear a late fee of 18 cents extra postage.

The above arrangement is intended to meet occasional emergencies, and not for the regular posting of extensive correspondence. Should it be found, therefore, that large and unmanageable numbers of letters are habitually thrown upon the Department at the last moment, a beavier late fee will be imposed.

A similar supplementary Mail will be made up for Shanghai by the English and French Contract Steamers, the late letters being received from 10-minutes after, up to half an hour after the time of closing. The late fee will also be 18 cents.

Miscellaneous Notices.

There will be communication with Australia via Batavia and Port Darwin, an follows :-

Leave Hongkong by French Packet, ... Sept. 15. Nov. 29. Leave Batavia,Oct. 1. Dec. 18, Due at Port Darwin, Oct. 12, Dec. 24,

Melbourne, Nov. 6, Jan. 12, Adelaide,..........Nov. 12. Jan. 24. For the present the correspondence can only be paid to Batavia, from which place it may possibly be forwarded without fur-ther charge.

Mails exchanged with Manila and Saigon. The Philippine Islands being now admitted into the General Postal Union, it follows that all paid correspondence received from Manila in the mails will be delivered free by this Office, and that all paid correspondence sent to Manila in the mails should be delivered free there.

Article IX of the Postal Treaty of Berne provides that "Writher the senders nor the addressees of letters and other postal packets shall be called upon to pay, either in the Country of Origin, or in that of Destination, any tax or duty other than " the recognised rates levied (in the case of paid correspondence) by the despatching Office. It is hoped that any extra charge, or apparently extra charge, will at once be brought to the notice of the proper

authorities, in either Colony. The above does not apply in any to loose letters sent outside the mails. These will always be charged on arrival iti Hongkong and probably the Manila Office will adopt or Turkey, when sens by French Paskon the same course.

Complaints are sometimes received of extra charges on correspondence exchanged between this Colony and Saigon, but it is believed it would be found in all cases that the letters, de., had been sent loose. Any Foreign stamps on loose corre-

spondence are obliterated in this Office. Indian Correspondence. Unpaid Letters are not received for the Indian Mail Packets. The Pre-payment of correspondence for the Straits, India, Ceylon, and Aden is com-

Registration to Bangkok. Her Britannic Majesty's Consul General for Siam has been good enough to make arrangements by means of which correspondence can be Registered to Bangkok, at the usual charge of 8 cents.

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Soldiers' and Sailors' Letters. Privates in H. M. Army or Navy, Noncommissioned Officers, Army Schoolmasters (not superintending or First Class) or Schoolmistresses may send half-ounce letters to the United Kingdom via Marseilles by French Packet, or via Southampton by British Packet, for one penny; or yis Brindisi by British Packet for three-pence. Hongkong stamps will prepay this class of correspondence exactly the same as Imperial

Soldiers' and Sallers' letters are, however, charged as ordinary letters, if they do not conform to the following regulations: 1. Not to exceed half an ounce. No double letters are allowed.

2. If from a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full on the letter, and the commanding Officer must sign his name, with name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full.

8. If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full, with name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full. * But not Warrant Officers, viz., Assistant

Engineer, Gunner, Boatswain, or Carpenter.

Communication with Batavia. The Netherlands India Packets leave Singapore fortnightly, and are fitted to the arrival of the outward P. & O. Mail from

The French Packts for Batavia wait at Singapore for the Packet from China and run fortnightly.

It follows that, to forward Correspondence to Batavia with the least delay, the following are the best opportunities:-In the S.W. Monsoon.

The English Mail. The French Mail. In the N.E. Monsoon. A Private Steamer a few days before the English Mail. The French Mail.

The Post Office is not, by law, responsible for any loss or inconvenience which may arise from the non-delivery, mis-sending, or mis-delivery of any letter, book, or other postal packet (even if the packet be registered); nor is the Post Office responsible for any injury which a packet may sustain

during its transmission. To guard against such injury all postal packets which are likely to suffer from stamping or from great pressure should be placed in atrong covers; and even with this precaution no fragile article should be sent times: that it is exposed to considerable pressure and friction in the mail bag : and that, whenever the bag has in the course of its transmission to be transferred by means. of the railway apparatus, the risk of injury is much increased.

No information can be given respecting letters which pass through a Post Office except to the persons to whom they are addressed; and in no other way is official information of a private character allowed to be made public. A Postmaster may, however, give an address if he has no reason to believe that the person whose address it. is would disapprove of his doing so.

Postmasters are not allowed to return any letter or other packet to the writer or sender, or to any one else, or to delay forwarding it to its destination according to the address, even though a request to such effect be written thereon.

Postmasters are not bound to give change nor are they authorised to demand change. and when money is paid at a Post Office. whether as change or otherwise, no question as to its right amount, goodness, or weight can be entertained after it has been removed from the counter.

Postmasters are not bound to weigh any letters or other packets for the public, but they may do so if their duty be not thereby

The practice of sealing letters passing to and from the East and West Indies, and other countries with hot climates, with wax (except such as is specially prepared), is attended with much inconvenience, and frequently with serious injury, not only to the letters so sealed but to the other letters in the mail, from the melting of the wax and adhesion of the letters to each other. The public are therefore recommended, in al such cases, to use either wafers or gum, and to advise their correspondents in the countries referred to, to do the same.

The registration of a packet makes its transmission much more secure, inasmuch as, under ordinary circumstances, a registered packet can be traced through its whole course; and thus the loss of a registered packet is a very rare occurrence. Nevertheless large sums of money or other articles of great value should not be sent through the post, even if the packet be registered; as the machinery of the Department is not arranged with a view to such transmission. By law, the Post Office is not responsible | Algado, for the safe delivery of registered packets; though any officer who may neglect his duty on this point will be called to strict account. Sent in unregistered letters, valuable articles are exposed to risk, and offer a temptation which ought not to be created and the Department cannot in any way undertake the safe conveyance of such packets. All inland or colonial letters, therefore, which contain coin, and all inland letters which contain watches or iewellary, even though they be posted without registration, are treated as registered, and charged on delivery with a double registration fee of eightpence in addition to the ordinary postage; and any such letters which cannot be registered in time to be forwarded by the Mail for which they are posted are detained for the next despatch. Even if the letter do not contain any article

of intrinsic value, it should, if it be very important, be registered

Most countries to which Hongkong for-wards Correspondence having joined the General Postal Union or being probat about to do so, it is necessary that following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silvermone lewels, precious articles, or anything the as a general rule, is liable to Custon

2. This Regulation prohibits the sendi of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless t quantity sent be so small as to make t sample of no value. ... 3. The limits of weight allowed are

Books and Papers to British Office .5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 21 Patterns to British Offices, 5 lbs. if wit out intrinsic value; to the Continer

4. The following articles cannot be se by Post at all: Glass, Liquids, Gunpowde Matches, Candles, Soap, Indigo, Dyo-stuf or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, offensive or injurious to persons deali

PARCELS. The public is reminded the in China and Japan, there is no such thi as Parcel Post. Much trouble and diss pointment is caused by persistent attemp to send small valuable trifles through t Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dre Fancy Work, and similar presents are co tinually being refused, the senders havi often spent more in Postage than wor have paid the freight by steamer. refund can be made on such parcels of t value of Stamps obliterated before nature of the contents was discovered.

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During the N.E. Monsoon, the Charters and Agents of sailing ships for Mani-Saigon, Bangkok and Singapore are request to give notice to this Office of the departur

of auch ships. No correspondence will be forwarded sailing vessel but such as is specially

Correspondence for New Zealand may forwarded via Torres Straits when specia directed for that route, otherwise it will sent by way of Galle.

Money Order Regulations 1.-Money Orders on the United Kin

dom are issued at Hongkong, Shanghai a Yokohama. Shanghai and Yokohama s isaue on Hongkong and vice versa. Crested Wave 2.—Small sums may be remitted between the other Ports by means of Postage C. W. Cochrane 10

3.—Many Money Orders are supplied to residents at the smaller Ports in this way. An application for an order* is filled up, and is enclosed with a stamped, directed, and unsealed envelope to the Postmaster at the nearest issuing office. The application must be accompanied with the full amount (including commission) in cheque, postage Falcon stamps, or other equivalent of cash, and a Fifeshire little margin should be left for variations Firth of Tay through the Post. It should be remembered of exchange. The Postmaster issues the Florence that every packet has to be handled several order, sends it on in the envelope, and Forward returns the change, if any, by first oppor-Fred. P. Litchtunity, with a receipt for the letter, if it were to be registered, as it always should be. Care should be taken to sand these applications in time, as the Money Order Offices close some hours before the departures of the mails.

4.-No order must exceed £10, or include any fraction of a penny. Orders will be drawn at the current rate of the day! Harbinger and paid at the rate of the day when the advice arrived.

The commission is as follows :-Orders on the United Kingdom. Up to £2...... 18 cents. Local Money Orders.

50.....30 5.-Lists of Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom may be consulted at Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama. 6.—Names must be given in full (expect

when there is more than one Christian name) but the name of the Payes need not be given if the order be crossed (as cheques are crossed). It can then be paid only through a Bank, and may afterwards be specially crossed to any Bank.

7.-No order can be paid till the Payee have signed it in the proper place. An order can be transferred to another office on payment of an additional commission. In case of loss of an order, necessity for stopping payment, or the like, application should be made to the nearest Money Order Office for instructions.

8 -If the order be not presented within six months an additional commission will be charged; if not within twelve months, the money will be forfeited. When the order is once paid no further claim can be entertained.

0. -No order can be paid until the advice relative to it has been received. · Made out on a printed form which is supplied

premium in all cases. POST OFFICE NOTICE. Unclaimed Correspondence, Nov. 2, 1877.

+ Orders on Shanghai are drawn at 2 per cent.

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